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KERRY IS SO KEEN

KERRY MILLMAN, 20, Queensland and Australian left-back, is excited about the coming women's Soccer tournament to be held in China in October.

Australia has accepted an invitation to compete and Kerry should be an automatic choice to represent Australia against the world's leading teams.

Our picture shows the attractive Kerry relaxing at beautiful Caloundra Beach on the Sunshine Coast.

She plays for Eastern Suburbs in Brisbane, and comes from a real Soccer family.

Her elder sister, Joanne, is Australia's centre-back, and her elder brother, Ron, was a regular player in the NSL for Brisbane Lions as a striker.

Who says there is no beauty in Australian Women's Soccer?

HERE IS 'THE A TEAM'!

BY BRAD EARL

THE Australian A team to take on Manchester United in the first match of the international tournament at the SCG in 11 days (Saturday, May 26) will be based on experience.

I believe the team will be: Terry Greedy (goalkeeper), Jimmy Cant (right-back), Graham Jennings (left-back), David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos (centre-backs), Joe Watson, Peter Raskopoulos, Ken Murphy, Alan Davidson (midfielders), John Kosmina, Marshall Soper (strikers).

Those 11 players were named in a squad of 19 yesterday.

The others are: Tony Pezzano (goalkeeper), Steve O'Connor, Alec Robertson (centre-backs), Tommy McCulloch, Ian Gray (midfielders), David Mitchell, Frank Farina and Danny Wright (strikers).

National coach Frank Arok has included all bar two of the players who served him so well in the national squad against England last year.

The omissions are striker Phil O'Connor (injured) and midfielder Peter Katholos, who has been included in the B squad for the international series.

Steve O'Connor must be a doubtful starter after being injured playing for New South Wales against Queensland two weeks ago.

The inclusion of Mitchell will place much pressure on Soper to perform as an international player.

Soper's only other experience at this level was as a substitute in the two matches against New Zealand at the start of last season.

Mitchell, now with Glasgow Rangers — one of the teams taking part in the series — established a fine partnership with Kosmina at Sydney City.

Arok has included some young players in the A squad, including midfielders McCulloch and Gray and strikers Farina and Wright.

A number of other promising youngsters have been picked for Eddie Thomson's B squad.

They include keeper Anthony Franken, full-backs Con Opasinis and Joe Rizzotto, midfielder Jimmy Patikas and strikers

Robbie Slater, Joe Mullen and Andrew Zinni.

But there is a real lack of players with international experience in this B squad. Only four players Tony Henderson, Steve Blair, Katholos and Gary Cole have played more than 10 A internationals for Australia.

The B team will play their first game against Rangers on Sunday, May 27, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Thomson's squad is: Franken, Jeff Olver (keepers), Opasinis, Rizzotto, Henderson, Blair, Arno Bertogna, Mike O'Shea, Peter Lewis (defenders), Patikas, Katholos, John O'Shea, Oscar Crino, Richard Miranda, Theo Selemidis (midfielders), Slater, Mullen, Zinni, Cole, Charlie Egan and Doug Brown.

Two young full-backs, Paul Carter and Howard Tredinnick, were omitted after last week's training camp.

David Skeen, Tony Dakos, Peter Laumets and Jim Campbell have been ruled out through injury.



David Ratcliffe

EDITORIAL

IT was a depressing experience watching Newcastle, the former giants of the National League, being slaughtered 8-1 by Sydney City a few days ago.

Indeed, the whole sorry Newcastle saga warrants investigation and comment.

When Newcastle KB were withdrawn from the NSL because their financial crisis made it impossible to continue, certain decisions were made by the League and presumably, by the State and Australian Federations.

In retrospect, those decisions may have been the wrong ones.

Adamstown Rosebuds were elevated to National League status, taking the name Newcastle Rosebuds and accepting the fixtures of the former KB team.

Ever since that day, the Rosebuds have struggled.

In their first five matches after the takeover, Rosebuds recorded five defeats, scored three goals and conceded 20.

This alarming slump took the team from second top to bottom place in the competition table.

While this was happening, spectators deserted the Rosebuds, which will always happen when a team suffers defeat after defeat.

Perhaps irreparable damage has been done. As everyone knows, it is very difficult getting the fans back once they have left you.

One must also question the legality of a team dropping out of a competition and being replaced by a different team which accepts the points already won by the defunct team.

As one cynic commented: "This could only happen in Australia."

Cynic or not, he was probably right.

Normal procedure when a team goes to the wall is for its results to be annulled and to carry on the competition one club short... even if this means a bye every weekend.

Why wasn't "normal procedure" followed in the Newcastle KB United case?

Maybe the NSL has the answer. But it seems the over-riding consideration was retaining the presence of a team, any team, from Newcastle in the competition.

Maybe the new team should have been called the "Newcastle Koalas," being a protected species.

In fact, Newcastle Rosebuds are still classed as a "development area" team, which means they cannot be relegated even if they finish bottom of the NSL this year, a fate now more probable than possible.

Penrith, on the other hand, will vanish into obscurity from whence they came if they finish in bottom spot.

This preferential treatment for a Newcastle club is something the NSL should examine closely.

It is obviously unfair to other clubs who face sudden death if they fall.

Indeed, even one of the Rosebud officials commented: "After seven years in the National League, it is ridiculous that Newcastle still gets favourable treatment and cannot be relegated."

If a team cannot be built into a worthy member of the NSL in seven years, how much time does it require?

There was little sympathy for Mooroolbark and Western Suburbs (Sydney) when they found the going tough in the NSL.

Out they went, with a hardly a tear being shed.

Potentially Newcastle Rosebuds have many more supporters than either Mooroolbark or Western Suburbs and their departure from the NSL might inspire the shedding of many tears.

It will be a sad day when Newcastle has no team in the National League, but artificially propping up the Rosebuds, as is happening this year, does not solve anything.

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ATTI INSURES HIS FUTURE!

BY DAVID JACK

ATTI ABONYI has taken on a new job, working in insurance for the AMP society.

He is just starting to learn the business as a trainee but says he is enjoying the experience.

When he was suddenly sacked by Sydney Croatia a few weeks ago, Atti decided he'd had enough of full-time coaching.

Oddly enough, the insurance business has proved attractive for several top Soccer coaches in recent years.

Dave Maclaren, formerly with Sydney City, made a big success of his insurance venture as did Mike Johnson, former St George coach, and now an ASW columnist.

Next to take the plunge, also with AMP,

ATTI ABONYI pictured at Australian squad training last week

was World Cup coach Rale Rasic and Rale is doing very nicely in insurance.

Atti Abonyi will certainly not be lost to Soccer coaching despite his work with AMP.

"Unlike the normal nine to five job, you plan your own working hours in in-

surance to fit in with your clients," said Atti.

Right now, Atti is kept busy as assistant coach to Frank Arok with the Australian national squad, but when the international series ends next month, he will really get stuck into his insurance job.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad. If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.

TWO DIVISIONS

IN my opinion, the National Soccer League made a big mistake this year in not thinking "big enough".

With the splitting of the competition into two groups, and the number of applications for the few vacancies, the NSL should have introduced a first and second division to each conference.

Automatic promotion and relegation would have been easier to bear with the bottom team from the second division applying for re-election each year along with the top team from the State League.

Here in Sydney, the present State League appears to be a "non-event". With three of its top teams now in the NSL, the standard of play has definitely deteriorated. There is also a sad lack of publicity.

With the promise of the top team in the State League being promoted to the NSL, three or four teams are going to be very disappointed once again. There is also the possibility of the competition being won by one of the many clubs that are doing absolutely nothing to promote the name and game of Soccer.

I would suggest that the second division of the Australian Conference be made up of 10 or 12 teams from the following areas: Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle, Central Coast, Northern NSW, Western NSW, and four from the Sydney area. The competition would also be based on a straight home-and-away basis with no inter-conference games.

I would also suggest that every NSL club should be associated with one participating in the State League or similar regional competition. This club could then be used as a nursery and enable the parent club to give all members of its first team squad a regular game.

The cost to clubs in this proposed second division would not be prohibitive. Travelling to away fixtures could be made by hired coach or private transport, no overnight stops. With the better class of competition, more spectators would be attracted to games. Most

areas would be able to offer an NSL match every week, either first or second division.

Some of the State League clubs are now being run in a very professional manner. These clubs deserve the opportunity to improve their standards by being in a better class of competition, the National Soccer League.

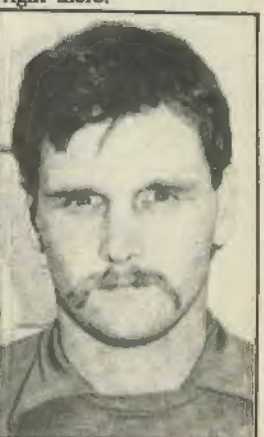
R. BEATTIE, Elanora Hgts, NSW.

BEST KEEPER

I am a Sydney Croatia supporter and a great admirer of Steve Watson, whom I rate the best keeper in Australia.

I have closely watched Steve's progress ever since the lad joined Sydney Croatia from Granville.

Watson has performed so well, over the years, in many memorable matches against top State and National League clubs. Only recently, ex-Croatia, coach, Atti Abonyi, declared Watson the best goalie in the land, and I am sure he is right there.



STEVE WATSON

Given opportunity by national coach Frank Arok, Watson will, undoubtedly, prove his class against any European sides.

Being so tall, Watson is unbeatable in the air when challenging for the ball, and almost unbeatable on the line. His reading of the game is superb, which indicates maturity in a goalkeeper. When it comes to saving a penalty, Watson is a giant; ask any Olympic supporter.

Why therefore the national coach overlooks such a great goalkeeper remains a mystery.

BRAUKO KOLAK, West Murrumbidgee, NSW.

STARS SOUGHT BY ARROWS

BY BERNIE HARRIS

CANBERRA ARROWS coach Doug Collins is eagerly awaiting a call this week from the man he succeeded at Sydney Olympic — the irrepressible Tommy Docherty.

On behalf of the Canberra Arrows, Docherty is negotiating with at least four British players, one of whom could be the Arrows' guest player in the coming weeks.

The players concerned are Craig Johnston, Paul Mariner, Asa Hartford and last but certainly not least Kenny Dalglish.

Docherty spoke to John-

ston last week and will talk to Dalglish today.

The decision on who will come depends on what sort of fee the player seeks, the period for which he would be available, and his attractiveness as a crowd-drawer.

Mariner is a personal friend of Collins, while back in 1982 Johnston, during a stint with the

ABC in Canberra as co-host of its World Cup coverage, trained with the Arrows under then coach George Murray.

Collins is not concerned at the need to drop a player if one of the four is available.

He said his objective was to improve the crowd, not the team.

CROATIA ARE THE ARROWS' TARGET

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA ARROWS, quickly becoming the NSL's most exciting, fast, young outfit, will be out in force to tackle Sydney Croatia next Sunday at the National Stadium in Canberra.

The National Stadium has one of Australia's best surfaces, and the Arrows look sharp on this pitch.

Two weeks ago, Doug Collins' young Canberra side clashed with visiting Melbourne Croatia, with the Arrows winning 3-0 in a magnificent display of open attacking Soccer.

Arrows followed up this victory with another last Sunday, when they broke a seven-year voodoo in Adelaide, defeating Adcity 2-1.

On Sunday, Canberra will be flat out to smash last year's NSW Grand Final winners Croatia, and will look to the exciting Anthony Franken, Frank Farina, Johnny Mihailidis and Peter Burke for big games.

Since Canberra snared ex-Newcastle KB centre-back Burke, they have looked solid and steady at the back.

Burke has been an enormous inspiration with his simplicity of play, injecting much experience,



DOUG COLLINS

and using excellent distribution.

Still waiting on the sidelines are the very experienced Steve Hogg and Ian Gibson.

Collins said: "I am pleased with the way things are going down here. I'm excited with all my young playing staff."

"I am prepared to predict big things for right-back Johnny Mihailidis and striker Manis Lamond. Watch out for this lad Lamond."

Lamond is a 17-year-old striker, originally from New Guinea, and, according to Collins, he is the most exciting, explosive young prospect Collins has come across since he arrived in Australia in 1981.

FOOTSCRAY ARE READY TO QUIT

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

FOOTSCRAY are considering quitting the National Soccer League and their president Zika Karic will protest to the League over the behaviour of Melbourne Croatia fans at Schintler Reserve.

At half-time a group of Croatian supporters set car tyres ablaze and caused panic among the 5,000 crowd.

Police arrested four people during some ugly scenes.

But the action on the playing field continued after the game. Yesterday morning the caretaker experienced the shock of his life when he turned up for work.

The canteen had been badly burned overnight, while on the playing field there was a "U"-shape burnt-out area.

According to Footscray officials, the letter "U" is the initial of the name "Ustasha", which represents a group of Croatian activists.

Karic said his club will demand an emergency meeting of the NSL Council of Clubs with the view to cancelling future games against Melbourne Croatia — even if Footscray have to quit the League.

"I was among the officials who supported the application of Melbourne Croatia to join the NSL," said Karic.

TUREK DIES

TONI TUREK, goalkeeper in the West German team which beat Hungary 3-2 to win the 1954 World Cup Final, died last week. He was 65.

MELITA ARE NO LONGER 'THE REJECTS'

PARRAMATTA MELITA, who are comfortably sitting in second position in the NSL, have killed claims that they are a "reject" side.

With basically the same squad that won the NSW State League championship last year, the Eagles have been in tremendous early season form.

BY ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS

Club president Emmanuel Said is fuming at Melita being labelled as the "reject" team.

"I'm sick of the Dad's Army tag that has been directed at the team," he said.

"Now the reject tag is being aimed at our coach Raul Blanco. He and assistant Dennis Hoggart have done a tremendous job at the club during the past two seasons.

"Our critics can call us what they like. Melita are here to stay."

Melita's success this year has stemmed from a number of factors.

The coaches, players and administration work as a complete unit and naturally they hunger for success.

During the off-season, the club signed two industrious players to add stability to their defence — Kenny Wilson and Howard Tredinnick.

Melita have two promising youngsters in attacking midfielder Wayne Farnsworth and striker Paul Andricopoulos. Surprisingly, Andricopoulos wasn't signed by Sydney Olympic after trialling with their youth team during the off-season.

Melita have concluded negotiations with 22-year-old Floriana and Maltese international striker Silvio Demanuelle following the recommendation of midfielder Ray Farrugia.

Along with Farrugia, Demanuelle will be the only current European international playing in the

NSL.

Melita face a tough task against Sydney Olympic at Melita Stadium this

Sunday. Emmanuel Said is confident of their chances.

"It should be a beautiful

game. I admire Olympic's brand of Soccer but I think we can beat them," he said.

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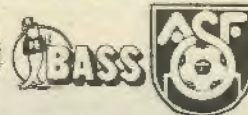
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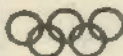
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BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE, 1983 NSL champions, take on Sydney City next Sunday in "the battle of the giants".

It's the first match of a double-header set down for the St George Stadium and kicks off at 2 pm.

The late match (4 pm), will be Leichhardt-APIA v Penrith City.

For years Saints and Sydney City have been enemies, and have always provided tough encounters.

On display will be a galaxy of stars who will line up for Australia in the coming international tournament.

Terry Greedy, John O'Shea, David Ratcliffe, Robbie Slater, Joe Watson, Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Jimmy Cant,

John Kosmina are some of the stars who will be on parade.

And watching eagerly from the sidelines will be Australia's national A and B coaches Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson, who are in charge of St George and Sydney City respectively.

Sydney City's architect will be Watson, while the Saints will be masterminded by skipper Peter Stone from central midfield.

Saints' attack is spearheaded by Slater, Peter Petkovski and the old master, Dez Marton. The latter has been ac-

credited by astute judges as being the fastest player on the ball in the NSL.

Adding to the overall attraction to this match will be the battle of the two goalkeepers, Terry Greedy and Tony Pezzano. Both will represent Australia in the international series.

Sydney City have started this season quite uncharacteristically. They have been notorious slow starters in past years but this year, with young blood like Graeme Fletcher, the Slickers have looked particularly mobile and aggressive.

YELLOW PERIL IN BRISBANE

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE is fast earning a reputation as the yellow card capital of the National League.

Prior to last weekend's round of fixtures, 12 cautions had been handed out in three NSL games in the preceding two weeks at

either Richlands or Spencer Park.

And the tally of yellow cards can be further increased if the two handed out by Alan Kibbler in the Interstate clash between Queensland and New South Wales are added.

Brisbane referee Gordon Nicholson is by far the leading yellow card "flasher." He booked five players in the Lions-Footscray match at Richlands on April 22, then cautioned three more at Spencer Park when Brisbane City played Parramatta on May 6.

But Dave Nugent also got into the act when he carded four players in Lions' clash with Sydney City at Richlands on the same day.

Many of the bookings have been for foul and abusive language, which referees around Australia are determined to stamp out this season.

While little criticism of Queensland referees' performances have come from local Soccer officials, southern coaches have not been so kind.

"Referees are so inconsistent and are now booking players for minor offences. Physical clashes are part of the spectacle of the game and I didn't consider any of the incidents in our match worthy of a card," Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson said.

It is understood that Footscray officials even considered filing an official complaint against Nicholson after the Richlands match.

The message is clear, players going to Queensland are warned to be on their best behaviour.

EUROPEAN CUPS

LIVE ON 0-28

CHANNEL 0-28 is again on the ball and will televise live the European finals.

The Cup Winners' Cup Final will be screened direct from Switzerland, next Thursday morning (4.10 am Sydney time).

It's the clash between FC Porto and crack Italian side, Juventus.

Juventus, which knocked out England giants Manchester United, will field the stars Platini, Boniek, Rossi, Tardelli and Gentile and are highly favoured to add the European Cup Winners' Cup to their 1984 Italian championship.

Juventus will play on the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 6 against Manchester United,

which should be a ripper of a match.

Network 0-28 will follow up with another live telecast of the 1984 European Champions Cup on May 31 (4 am Sydney time) from Rome, featuring AS Roma and English First Division champions Liverpool.

It's unquestionably the Soccer match of the year.

SPURS TIP

BELGIUM'S Anderlecht face a huge task in their bid to retain the UEFA Cup they won last year.

A week tomorrow at White Hart Lane, the Belgians meet Tottenham Hotspur in the second leg of the Cup Final, and after these teams drew the first leg 1-1 in Brussels, Spurs are hot favourites to come out on top.

It would be a fitting finale for Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham manager, who is leaving the club at the end of this season. . . a parting of the ways the London club may live to regret.

Burkinshaw is a popular club boss and has brought outstanding success to the North London side.

In Brussels, Spurs were leading 1-0 until five minutes from the end — thanks to a goal by defender Graham Roberts in the 58th minute — but Anderlecht captain Morten Olsen, a Dane, equalised.

In the return leg, Spurs talented captain, Steve Perryman, will be missing. He was given the yellow card in Brussels and, as this was his second caution in the competition, he is barred from the match at White Hart Lane.

Paul Van Hinst, Anderlecht's coach, was bitterly disappointed at his team's performance, particularly after its convincing win over Nottingham Forest in the previous round.

"We haven't given up hope and will play an attacking game in London," he promised.

Unfortunately, Tottenham's fans were not as well behaved as the players in the match.

Many of them viciously attacked Belgian fans, overturned cars and set them on fire and had running battles with the 1,000 police on duty, but the most serious incident was the shooting of an English 20 year-old, Brian Flanagan, and a manslaughter charge brought against a Brussels bar owner.

Two other Spurs fans were shot and wounded during disgraceful scenes which, later, caused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to publicly apologise to the Belgian people.

MARCONI TO MAUL LIONS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AFTER suffering the indignity of many early season defeats, Marconi have turned the corner, and are stacking up some pretty heavy victories with an avalanche of goals.

Next Sunday, Marconi take on Brisbane Lions at Marconi Stadium, and the Queenslanders could taste the full fury of Marconi's newly-found form.

Marconi manager Les Scheinflug was contracted to Lions in 1976 and 1977, and he said: "I have happy memories with Brisbane Lions from the days I was their coach."

"Lions is a stable club and I have a lot of respect for their management."

"In our first year of the then PSL, we lost seven of our first eight matches in the first round. But there was no panic by the management. They never threatened me with sacking."

"We managed to pay back the faith they placed in us by winning seven straight matches with one loss in our next eight games."

"From those days, only John Ogden and Alan Niven are still with Lions, so I'm looking forward to next Sunday's clash," Scheinflug concluded.

Lions will be looking for big games from Ray Junna and Young Socceroos Russell Stewart and Danny Wright, whilst Marconi, ever so hungry for goals, will test out Lions with pace and shots from David Lowe, Rod Brown, Tommy McCulloch, Mark Jankovics and Tony Henderson.

Peter Sharpe and John Djordjevic are both suspect with leg injuries, but Marconi's depth is such that Scheinflug will not be unduly worried.

The former national coach has pledged all-out attack, and the visiting Lions could be in for a mauling if they don't cage the pacey young Marconi.

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GEORGE NOT TO PLAY

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

FORMER South Melbourne and Canberra Arrows midfielder George Christopoulos is in Melbourne for a long spell following the conclusion of the Greek national championship.

Christopoulos joined AEK Athens at the beginning of the season and with some brilliant performances has earned himself a two-year contract with the club.

Christopoulos said he has no plans to guest with any NSL club for he needs a good break after an exhausting Greek championship.

He said he was still available to play for Australia. "I said categorically before that I would be available for national duties if my name was called up."

"It is up to the national coach to decide whether he needs me or not. My contract with AEK provides that I will be free to participate in all national teams, if I'm included in the Australian squad."

Christopoulos will leave Australia at the beginning of July to join AEK in West Germany where the team will prepare for the new season.

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ROUND UP



Tony Henderson tackles Paul Kay to halt this Sydney City attack

PRESSURE SUITS SLICKERS

BY TOM ANDERSON

WHEN the pressure's on, there's no team in the NSL to compare with the Sydney Slickers.

The former champions proved this beyond any shadow of a doubt when they walked over the young Marconi brigade at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The 3-1 scoreline in favour of the Slickers flattered the young Marconi team who in the end were glad to hear the final whistle.

The great pity in the Slickers setup is that they can't draw spectators.

If they were a Greek or an Italian-sponsored out-

fit, they would be packing in 10,000 every time they played.

With Soccerroo captain John Kosmina calling all the shots, the Slickers were too professional and too knowledgeable for a Marconi team that looked good for the first 20 minutes then faded into oblivion.

During this period Mark Jankovics scored a great goal to open the tally for the afternoon.

However after this early setback, the Slickers hit their straps and goals from Kosmina and Graham Fletcher (two) put the issue beyond doubt.

This was a comfortable win for Slickers and a match that should have

taught the Marconi youngsters quite a bit about big-time Soccer.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant, Robertson, Gomez, De Marigny; Watson, Kay (Falconer 75), Barnes; Fletcher (Lee 70), Kosmina, Murray.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Rizzotto; McCulloch, Mason, Jankovics; Brown, Lowe, Carbone (Licata 45).

REFEREE: T. Davies.
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Marconi's Tilly Carbone doesn't quite make it for a header in the match against Sydney City at the Athletic Field on Sunday

CROATIA FANS ANGRY

SAYS ANDREW PASCHILIDIS

BOLAND HOLDS THE FORT

BY ROGER VERNON

THE traditional clash between Footscray and Melbourne Croatia ended in a 0-0 draw at Schintler Reserve, in spite of the dominance by Melbourne Croatia.

Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland was mainly responsible for the result as he drew the iron curtain in front of his goal.

This prevented the aggressive Croatia forwards from scoring.

Melbourne Croatia, for yet another week, were led by caretaker-coach Tommy Cumming, who is destined to play a major role in Croatia's first year in the National League as player-coach.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Curovic, O'Donnell, Carroll (Bekiaris 65), Regroza (Stojevski 84), Belic, Paton, Lujic.

MELB CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Hannah, Andolovic, Faulkner, Biskic, Gojevic (Cumming 75), Brogan, Lewis.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

PARRAMATTA-Melita consolidated their second position on the ladder with an entertaining 1-0 win over rivals Sydney Croatia at King Tomislav Park.

Melita looked impressive in the first half, with strong performances by midfielders Alec Jamieson and Ray Farrugia and defender Kenny Wilson standing out.

Two controversial refereeing decisions by Peter Rampley upset the Croatian supporters.

In the 14th minute he awarded Melita a penalty after Stuart Johnston was obstructed in the penalty area. Ray Farrugia made no mistake from the spot to score Melita's solitary goal.

With 13 minutes remaining, Melita defender Bobby McGinn appeared to handle the ball inside the area but no penalty was given.

Sydney Croatia coach Mick Jones was, understandably, upset with the decisions.

"These things always happen in Soccer. Naturally I'm very disappointed, and I think justice would have been done if we had collected a point out of the game."

"I thought we played better than our

previous effort against Leichhardt.

"The second half was the best the team has played all year," Jones said.

Alex McPherson, one of Australia's most underrated goalkeepers, was in splendid form for Melita.

In the 73rd and 86th minutes, he thwarted Croatia substitute Nelio Borges with two brilliant saves.

A corner from the second save was cleared off the Melita line by Howard Tredinnick.

Raul Blanco, who has steered Melita to second position on the NSL ladder, was ecstatic with the result.

"The boys were brilliant in the first half. The defence suffered enormous pressure in the second half and had to be commended," Blanco said.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Drinkwater, Tomasich, Kovacic (Borges 70), Sterrey, Vidaic, Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Boden, Rezo.

PARRAMATTA-MELITA: McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Jamieson, Farrugia (Andricopoulos 76), Duarte, Griffiths, Johnston.

CROWD: 5,240

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE	HOME	AWAY
	P W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts
BRUNSWICK	11 7 1 3 18 16 15	4 1 2 10 9 9	3 0 1 8 7 6
H'BERG	11 5 3 3 19 13 13	3 1 1 13 8 7	2 2 2 6 5 6
STH. MELB.	11 5 2 4 16 10 12	3 2 2 10 5 8	2 0 2 6 5 4
WEST AD.	11 6 2 4 20 15 12	4 0 2 16 5 8	1 2 2 4 10 4
PRESTON	11 4 4 3 15 14 12	1 3 1 6 6 5	3 1 2 9 8 7
MELB. CROATIA	11 3 4 4 16 20 10	1 2 1 5 5 4	2 2 3 11 15 6
GR. GULLY	11 3 4 4 11 15 10	2 2 2 8 8 6	1 2 2 3 7 4
FOOTSCRAY	11 3 3 4 11 13 9	0 1 4 2 8 1	3 2 1 9 5 8
BRIS. CITY	11 3 3 5 8 13 9	0 3 3 2 6 3	3 0 2 6 7 6
AD. CITY	11 3 2 6 10 12 8	1 2 3 6 7 4	2 0 3 4 5 4
BRIS. LIONS	11 2 4 5 11 17 8	0 3 3 5 11 3	2 1 2 6 6 5
SUNSHINE	11 1 2 8 3 25 4	0 1 4 0 6 1	1 1 4 3 19 3

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts
SYD. CITY	11 7 3 1 30 8 17	3 1 0 16 3 7	4 2 1 14 5 10
PARRA-MELITA	11 6 4 1 14 9 16	2 2 1 7 6 6	4 2 0 7 3 10
OLYMPIC	11 6 3 2 24 12 15	2 1 2 10 9 5	4 2 0 41 3 10
LEICHHARDT	11 5 3 3 18 14 13	4 0 2 10 6 8	1 3 1 8 5 5
BLACKTOWN	11 5 3 3 17 17 13	3 2 1 10 7 8	2 1 2 7 10 5
ST GEORGE	11 4 4 3 12 10 12	2 3 1 8 6 7	2 1 2 4 4 5
PENRITH	11 4 4 3 17 20 12	3 1 2 11 15 7	1 3 1 6 5 5
MARCONI	11 4 2 5 26 18 10	3 0 2 14 7 6	1 2 3 12 11 4
CANBERRA	11 5 1 6 22 17 10	3 0 1 12 5 6	2 0 4 10 12 4
NEWCASTLE	11 4 1 6 14 23 9	3 1 1 9 6 7	1 0 5 5 17 2
SYD. CROATIA	11 2 4 5 13 21 8	0 1 4 3 12 1	2 3 1 10 9 7
W'GONG	11 2 3 6 10 23 7	2 1 3 6 10 5	0 2 3 4 13 2

RESULTS

WEST ADELAIDE 0 HEIDELBERG 1 (Peterson) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,000.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Hunter, Cairney) drew with BLACKTOWN 2 (Byrne, Larkin) at Richlands. Crowd: 400.

FOOTSCRAY 0 drew with MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 5,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Brown) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 3,500.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis, Wade) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1,000.

BRUNSWICK 2 (Ward, Sweeney) PRESTON 4 (Odzakov 2, Dunn, Cole) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 7,000.

SYDNEY CITY 3 (Fletcher 2, Kosmina) MARCONI 1 (Jankovics) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,530.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Soper Theodorakopoulos, Patikas Katholos) LEICHHARDT 2 (Bozanic, Gray) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 7,513.

PENRITH 2 (Wotherspoon 2) CANBERRA 1 (Perinovic) at Cook Park. Crowd: 2015.

SYDNEY CROATIA 0 PARRAMATTA 1 (R Farrugia) at Tomislav Park. Crowd: 5,240.

WOLLONGONG 1 (Kotamanidis) ST GEORGE 2 (D Batten D Marton) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1,200.

NEWCASTLE 3 (Richardson o.g., Senkalek, Todd) SUNSHINE GC 0. Crowd: 1,900.

SYDNEY CITY 8 (Kosmina 3, Fletcher 3, Gomez, Kay) NEWCASTLE 1 (Kerby) at ST GEORGE. Crowd: 300.

TOP SCORERS

- 9 — Kosmina (S. City), Katholos (SO)
- 8 — Doug Brown (SM)
- 7 — Sweeney (BJ), Farina (CA), Patterson (H)
- 6 — Winn (H), Bradley (L), Lowe (M), Brandt (NR), Wotherspoon (PC), Marton (ST G), Fletcher (S. City), Soper (SO), Konstandopoulos (WA)



OLYMPIC FAR TOO GOOD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC downed Leichhardt-APIA 4-2 with an exhibition of top-paced Soccer that had the latter on their knees, especially in the first half, at Pratten Park, in front of the NSL's biggest gate of 7,513.

Olympic completely dominated the first half, yet surprisingly the score was only 1-0 in their favour at half-time.

The goal came from Marshall Soper who brilliantly intercepted a defender's back-pass to goalkeeper Bobby Parkes in the 14th minute.

Narrow misses followed in the 20th minute by Jimmy Patikas and a header that grazed the APIA crossbar in the 32nd minute by striker Nick Theodorakopoulos.

John Bradley, APIA's dynamic little striker, out with a pulled muscle, was sadly missed. But even so, his side looked lethargic in the first session, and just could not control the non-stop power and pace of Olympic.

Six minutes into the second half, APIA almost levelled through striker Kerry Caban, who squeezed through the Olympic defence and crashed his shot against Olympic's right post.

Theodorakopoulos, the ever-improving striker,

nailed Olympic's second goal in the 59th minute, following a Peter Raskopoulos free-kick.

Theodorakopoulos out-paced the defence in a 20-metre sprint to crash home his goal.

APIA answered with a penalty awarded by referee Richard Lorenc in the 62nd minute, after Olympic centre-back Alex Lambropoulos needlessly dropped midfielder Ian Gray in the box.

But no sooner had APIA's newly-signed right-back, Vic Bozanic, scored from the spot than Olympic's pacey Patikas thundered home a spectacular 15 metre goal at the other end.

Theodorakopoulos hit the crossbar with his header from a nice Katholos corner in the 78th minute, whilst two minutes later, Gray scored APIA's second goal, with a soft shot from 10 metres right under the nose of a sleeping Olympic defender.

Olympic finished their scoring in the 89th minute with a penalty scored by Katholos, after left-back Mark Brown brought down Olympic's replacement for captain Raskopoulos, Mark Koussas.

Stars for Sydney Olympic were Gary Phillips, Katholos, Marshall Soper and Patikas, whilst for APIA, Arno Bertogna, Tony Morsello and Peter Tredinnick came good but only in the second half.

After the match in the APIA dressing room, a dejected coach, Fil Bottalico, lamented: "The penalty was harsh against us, and I felt a draw would have been a just result."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Lambropoulos, Coady, Jennings; Phillips, Raskopoulos (Koussas 63), Katholos; Patikas, Soper, Theodorakopoulos.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Bozanic, Bertogna, Pullen, Brown; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Morsello, Caban (Genovese 64), De Ceglie.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. CROWD: 7,513.

TIM DAVIES OFF TO HOSPITAL

TIM DAVIES, a FIFA referee, enters hospital tomorrow for an exploratory examination on his injured knee.

Davies said: "I had the cartilages in my left knee removed 25 years ago, but the specialist believes that some fragments are still floating around."

"He says that the knee could still be as good as new."

Davies will be admitted to the Dale Cross Hospital, Killara.

FLETCHER GRABS A HAT-TRICK



BY BRAD EARL

GRAEME FLETCHER (pictured) consolidated his chances of a regular spot in the Sydney City team in the Slickers' 8-1 thumping of the rag-tag Newcastle Rosebuds last Wednesday.

Fletcher, 20, has been on the verge of a permanent first team place at Sydney City all year.

His performance in this game, which included a hat-trick, must have pleased coach Eddie Thomson.

He is the ideal player to partner John Kosmina in the central striking position, filling that role in the way David Mitchell did before departing for Scotland last year.

Fletcher opened the scoring after only two minutes, and followed up with goals in the 39th and 66th minutes.

Kosmina also scored a hat-trick with goals in the 18th, 74th and 81st minute.

Gerry Gomez and Paul Kay netted the other goals.

The score could have gone to double figures only for Robert Cox in the Newcastle goal, who made a few fine saves. However, he was too often exposed by unimpressive defenders.

He had little chance against brilliant shooting in three of the goals — from Kay in the first half and Fletcher and Kosmina in the second half.

Newcastle's goal was scored by Bernard Kerby from right in front after a good centre from the byline by Ralph Maier.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant, De Marigny, Robertson, Gomez; Kay, Barnes (A. Bottalico 58), Falconer; Murray (Lee 66), Kosmina, Fletcher.

NEWCASTLE: Cox; Gillogly, Davies (Stankovic 67), Power, Maier; Kerby, Senkalski, Brandt; Mason, T. Caban, Todd (Milosevic 61).

REFEREE: K. Small. CROWD: 300.



Leichhardt full-back Mark Brown grapples with Olympic striker Peter Katholos

PRESTON PROVIDE UPSET

BY HARRY HALL

PRESTON produced the upset of the 11th round when they soundly defeated NSL leaders Brunswick Juventus 4-2 at Olympic Park.

It was a spirited performance by the troubled Preston team that generated four goals and subjected high-flying Juventus to tremendous pressure throughout the game.

Preston overcame the shock of an early goal by Gary Ward (35th minute) and grabbed the equaliser two minutes later through Robert Dunn.

From then on, the outcome of the game seemed a foregone conclusion as Preston tightened their stranglehold on the opposition.

Gary Cole led the riot with the second goal in the 40th minute that lifted Preston's performance even higher.

Veteran midfielder Zarko Odzakov continued the onslaught with the third goal two minutes before half-time, to give his side a 3-1 lead at the break.

It was Odzakov who put the game beyond doubt after 72 minutes with a powerful drive.

Juventus continued battling and managed to reduce the margin one minute before the final whistle with target-man Joe Sweeney.

In spite of their defeat, Juventus are still leading the and Sunday's defeat may be the inspiration John Margaritis' team

needed to improve their performance.

BRUNSWICK JUVEN-

TUS: Keogh, Geremia, Petrovski, McMillan, Dowie, Rogers, Hird, son, Opasimis, Dunn, Ilioski, Odzakov, Heys, Cole, Lloyd, Campbell (Swinscoe 66), Miranda, Cullen, Lucchesi.

REFEREE: C. Bam-Sweeney, Ward.

PRESTON: Potter, bridge. CROWD 7,000.

COSTLY PUNCH FROM SPROUL

BY TOM McKAIN

HEIDELBERG were put on the rack for 45 minutes by West Adelaide, then bounced off to win 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium and move into second place on the table.

The goal, in the 72nd minute, shattered the home side which had scored 11 goals in its last two games to charge into the second berth.

West's goalkeeper Gary Sproul, who had covered himself with glory in the opening of the second half when Heidelberg threw everything forward, rose to punch a ball clear from a free-kick.

But instead of hitting the ball high and clear, this time he punched it down to the feet of Mike Peterson who slotted it home.

That was the killer punch.

West tried to raise their first half gallop again but were demoralised.

Despite two switches by coach Sam Salabasidis, the fluency of the first half never returned.

Certainly Don McLeod and his fellow Heidelberg defenders had to fight desperately in the last 10 minutes, but they also managed to attack.

West's can claim a handicap with full-back Ian McGregor, so much an attacking

defender, out suspended, and sweeper Neil McGachey missing injured, but the chances were there in the first half.

As usual, the Westad midfield and forwards sent the ball all over the field like a pinball machine.

But while striker George Konstandopoulos and Nick Malavazos plus midfielders John Panagis, Tim Brown and Steve Atsalas, mesmerised Heidelberg, and Chris Manou bowled them over with his muscle, the ball never made the back of the net.

Mike Valentine in the Heidelberg midfield was one of the best players on the park, doing everything right in his normal role, but also charging down the left wing and sending over some devastating crosses.

While Steve Winn had a quiet game up-front, he was a menace in the closing stages and Scott Patterson never stopped trying for the 90 minutes.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou, Mousoulis, Honeyman, Manou (Stamatopoulos 79), Panagis, Konstandopoulos, Malavazos, Baker, Atsalas, Brown (Papadopoulos 74).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Peterson, Selemidis, Wynn, Tzitzis (Angele 68), Patterson.

REFEREE: J. Rossis. CROWD: 3,456.



ROUND UP

WOTHERSPOON WONDERFUL

BY BRAD EARL

IAN WOTHERSPOON walked unheralded into Penrith City at the start of the season.

Now, after 11 rounds of the NSL, the 23-year-old Scotsman is the hero of the West.

His goals earned vital points in draws with Sydney City and St George,

and another two on Sunday gave Penrith City a 2-1 victory over Canberra Arrows at Cogk Park.

Wotherspoon plays on the right side of midfield, and was a top performer

in another fighting Penrith effort.

Canberra couldn't have asked for a better start when a corner in the first minute created havoc in the goalmouth, with big

centre-forward Marko Perinovic sticking the ball away.

Penrith's equaliser came after two-and-a-half minutes of time added on for stoppages at the end of the first half, when Peter Nix played the ball into the path of Witherspoon, who shot low past keeper

Anthony Franken.

Perinovic had three goal attempts in the second half. A header beat Penrith keeper Mike Gibson but was headed off the line by Jeff Ainsworth, a spectacular bicycle kick went wide, and another header was saved well by Gibson.

The winning goal was a cracker, with Roy Cotton playing the ball wide to Witherspoon, who cut in and hit a powerful left-foot shot.

Canberra coach Doug Collins was highly critical of Ken Small's refereeing. He claimed that the ball headed off the line by Ainsworth had crossed the line, and that the Arrows should have had a penalty in the final minutes.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Witherspoon, Ainsworth, Nix; Cotton, Jackson, Fitzharris (Hale 65).

CANBERRA: Franken; Mihailidis, Jones, Burke, Redmond; Sermanni, Brockbank, Bryant; Reis (Gibson 67), Farina, Perinovic (Phillips 68).

REFEREE: K.Small. **CROWD:** 2,015.



Doug Brown

BROWN HITS TARGET

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE striker Doug Brown enhanced his chances of attracting the attention of national coach Frank Arok with his third goal in two weeks.

Brown scored the only goal of the mediocre encounter at Middle Park to give his side a slender 1-0 victory over Adelaide City.

Their win kept Souths in touch with the leaders but failed to erase the question marks hanging over the team in the last few weeks.

Once again South Melbourne failed to impress with their performance, adding to the frustration of their loyal supporters.

Souths started the game lethargically, enabling the visitors to mount blistering attacks through their wings, causing havoc in Clayton's area.

In fact it was positive goalkeeping by Clayton, making his second appearance for South Melbourne that denied Adelaide the lead.

On a number of occasions in the opening half, Clayton stood firm in his goal, parrying and blocking shots by the opposing forwards.

Adelaide City came closer to scoring in the 52nd minute when Charlie Villani rattled the post and Joe Mullen had South Melbourne beaten only to see Steve Blair clear the ball off the goal-line.

Brown stole the match in the 64th minute when he pounded the ball in the net from a Murphy square-pass inside the box.

Len McKendry came under fire from the supporters in the 57th minute when he replaced John Kanesoulis with Oscar Crino.

Adcity's coach, Edmund Kreft, said: "We created enough opportunities to win the game in the opening half. We were beaten by a lucky goal."

Indeed Adcity produced some fancy stuff in the first half but faded, allowing South Melbourne to dominate proceedings.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Clayton, Russell, Blair, Davidson, Kalifatidis, Halford, Yzendoorn, Kanesoulis (Crino 57), Egan, Brown, Murphy.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melita, Cecere (Loungo 87), Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

REFEREE: E.Venios. **CROWD:** 3,500.

GULLY MARCH ON

BY DAVID BECK

GREEN GULLY continued their recovery with a convincing 2-0 win over Brisbane City at home.

The win dispelled fears of a disastrous first year in the National League and boosted the morale of the heartbroken Green Gully supporters.

After an impressive first half Brisbane City surrendered to superior opponents.

Paul Lewis, playing his first game for Green Gully since his retirement from South Melbourne, opened

the score in the 28th minute hammering in the net a long through ball by Jim Williams, the latter excelling in his new sweeper role.

City gave the game away in the second half with some unnecessary positional changes that upset their rhythm.

Green Gully were rewarded for their efforts in the 78th minute when Wade mounted a solo run

from the defence and exchanged the ball quickly with Paul Lewis inside the City area. Lewis cut the ball back and the aggressive Gully midfielder blasted the ball in the net to secure the two points.

GREEN GULLY: Denays, Beranic, Hogben, Carter, Cannell, Wade,

Smart (Mancinelli 68), Vassallo, Lewis, McGuinness, Williams.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Glockner (Hughes 71), Milovanovic, Mengotti (Falco 67), Liddell, Fabrizio, Swan, Pimblett, Mountford, Hamilton, Bromfield.

REFEREE: J.Fearn.

GIFT POINT FOR DEMONS

BLACKTOWN CITY coach Casey De Bruin described Brisbane Lions as the worst side he had seen in the National League after his team snatched an injury-time 2-2 draw at Richlands.

Lions led 2-0 with only four minutes of normal time remaining, but goals from Gary Byrne and John Larkin saw the points shared.

It was pathetic the way Lions collapsed when two points were in their keeping.

Careless passing and woeful tackling by the home side handed the gift point to Blacktown.

But the draw, played in wet conditions, was soured a little for Blacktown by the loss of full-back Tony Rasmussen, who was rushed to hospital after collapsing on the field with breathing difficulties, apparently brought on by a recent chest infection.

But Rasmussen was allowed to return south with his team-mates after treatment.

Lions hit the lead five minutes from half-time when defender Alan Hunter ran onto a Steve Jackson free-kick. He chested the ball into the air and under no pressure from the Blacktown defence was able to softly head it into the net.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Despite a half-time roasting from De Bruin, Blacktown's concentration did not improve after the break and Joe Cairney made it two for Lions when he finished a move which included a great crossfield ball from Alan Niven and a blocked shot from Danny Wright.

With Lions seemingly having two points in their grasp, and their first home win since last October, the side relaxed and Blacktown took the initiative.

Their solid running and determined tackling paid dividends in the 86th minute, when Byrne brilliantly turned in the goal area to finish a neat team move with a goal; then Larkin knocked in the equaliser in injury-time after a poor attempted tackle by Niven on Brett Thornthwaite during the lead-up.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R.Stewart, J.Stewart, Ogden, Junna, Cairney (Fulton 76), Wright.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen (Quarmby 55), Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, Thornthwaite, Byrne, Eaton (Berry 73), Larkin, McLaughlin.

REFEREE: A.Kibbler. **CROWD:** 400.

BUDS BLOOM AT LAST!

BY NEIL JAMESON

IT may only have been a meeting between two of the NSL's strugglers but there was much more merit to Newcastle Rosebuds' 3-0 win over Sunshine George Cross than the scoreline indicated.

After losing five straight games and conceding 20 goals since taking over the Newcastle franchise, Rosebuds were desperate to halt the slide.

Newly-appointed coach Willie Gallagher made key changes before the match, notably by bringing experienced goalkeeper Clint Gosling into the side, naming Joe Senkalski as captain and selecting striker Simon Bandt as a midfielder.

The moves gave Newcastle a new air of authority, with Senkalski, in particular, having an outstanding match.

Newcastle went ahead in the 13th minute when Dean Milosevic beat his man and fired in a slow cross which Sunshine's Steve Richardson deflected into his own net.

Roger Bain's 27th minute header produced a fine save from Gosling but it was Newcastle who went closest to scoring again when a powerful left foot shot by David Jones hit the foot of the post.

With Senkalski orchestrating play from midfield and Mike Boogaard organising the defence, Newcastle exploited the width of the park through full-backs Maier and Kerby.

Sunshine, without injured pair Jim O'Reilly and Don McLaren, still looked capable of scoring, particularly through talented striker Rob Toal.

But it was Senkalski who put it beyond doubt in the 64th minute by converting a penalty awarded when he was tripped by John Campels.

Although referee Jim Reeves showed the yellow card to six players the game surprisingly was still a pleasing spectacle.

Derek Todd added the extra goal with a neatly taken effort in the 67th minute to complete a satisfying afternoon for Gallagher's team.

Following so close on Newcastle's 8-1 midweek hammering by Sydney City, this result gives hope that a revival is underway.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Kerby, Power, Boogaard, Maier, Davies, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones, Todd.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Bennett, Taylor, Richardson, Scerri, Jovavoric, McGorian, Bain, Toal, Campels, Latif.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 1,100.

BY PHIL MURPHY

ST GEORGE'S run without a win came to an end when they scrambled home 2-1 over Wollongong City at the Wollongong Showground.

Saints' coach Frank Arok could be excused for having mixed feelings about the result because, although his side won, he

was far from happy with their performance.

Only poor finishing by bottom-of-the-table Wollongong allowed Saints to take the two points.

While Wollongong created far more chances, all they had to show was a goal from the boot of Peter Kotamanidis after 13 minutes.

They held this lead to half-time but squandered two more easy chances to that stage.

Saints hardly threatened the Wollongong goal but after an hour they struck out of the blue when David Batten scored after the home team failed to clear a corner.

Once they had drawn level, St George always gave the impression they would get a second goal, and it was the ever-reliable Dez Marton who grabbed it with 15 minutes to go.

Marton was only brought on by Arok at hal-

f-time after being dropped 24 hours before the game.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston was bitterly disappointed at the way his team failed to take advantage of their early superiority.

"It was the same old story — we played some good stuff out there but we just can't put the ball away," he said.

"I can't complain about our general play, we just seem to freeze, when we

get near goal," Alston concluded.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Fleming, Gaffney, Condran (Dickson 76), Bundalo, Kotamanidis, Montana, Beggs.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Ricoy, Petkovski, Zantides (Barton 45), Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Koczka (Marton 45), J.O'Shea, Batten.

REFEREE: G.Warne. **CROWD:** 987.

CHIT HAT



A SURPRISE omission from the NSW U19 side playing in the Australian Youth Championships in Canberra this week was young Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis.

Last year Kalantzis was one of the most young exciting prospects in the NSL. He also starred for the NSW U16 team in the national titles last year.

This year he has made a couple of appearances in the first XI at Olympic, but has been in eye-catching form with the youth team regularly scoring goals.

In a recent 3-0 win over Blacktown City, Kalantzis scored two splendid goals for the youth team.

MARSHALL SOPER was a very late arrival for one of the Australia training sessions at St George Stadium last week.

Soper, who has to travel down from Newcastle to Sydney for club, state and national training sessions and games, broke down on the way to St George.

Fortunately, he made the afternoon session, but national goalkeeper Terry Greedy also paid for Soper's bad turn of luck.

At the end of the afternoon session, Soper was forced to spend an extra 30 minutes polishing up on his shooting with Greedy in the pouring rain.

A POWERFUL looking squad of South Australian Scots from all leagues is being formed for a game against their countrymen in Victoria at the end of the season.

And as a warm-up they will take on any other "countries" for charity.

But while NSL club West Adelaide will have Neil McGachey, Graham Honeyman and Ian McGregor in the tour party, Adelaide City will have none.

For the first time in years they don't have a Scotsman in their line-up.

Perhaps that's why they are so low on the National Conference table!

WEST ADELAIDE could have had their former striker John Kritikos back in action this weekend.

The tough striker, who joined Polonia then went to Greece where he played second division for three years, expects his clearance from Greece "any day now".

The 24-year-old front-runner has applied through the ASF, as a letter he brought back with him was not acceptable.

WHILE the NSL clubs have switched to Ansett, it appears Adelaide City have also changed airlines.

According to an ad in their programme, Thai Airways International is the club's official international carrier.

Wonder if we will see a Thai player in a black and white shirt.



TERRY GREEDY: paid for Soper's troubles.

SCOTT DICKSON is back with Wollongong City after being involved in a transfer wrangle with NSW State League club Polonia.

The big striker played on loan with Wollongong last season, but when he made the NSL Polonia slapped a big fee on him.

After this was drastically reduced, Dickson rejoined the Wolves and wasted no time in making his presence felt — scoring the only goal in the Youth League game against Marconi.

PETER KATHOLOS has a great sense of humour — and he needs it after the treatment he's had from burglars.

"Kat" says his sports shop in Marrickville has had unwelcome and uninvited visitors about six times. And he's only been there for about 15 months.

"I think there's an ethnic problem in the district," he said.

TEN years ago, St George and Hakoah (now Sydney City) played in the grand final of the NSW First Division.

Only two players from that match are still playing at the top level of Australian football — Murray Barnes and Joe Watson, who are serving the same club they lined up for in 1974.

YOU have to hand it to Parramatta Melita Eagles for staying up with the NSL leaders despite injury to key players.

Wayne Farnsworth, a midfielder of immense promise, and striker John McKie have both been missing from recent matches...yet the Eagles keep on winning.

Kenny Wilson, who was released by both Sydney Olympic and St George, has been in top form, fully justifying coach Raul Blanco's decision to sign him.

PETER LAUMETS was most unfortunate to lose his spot in the Australian squad through injury.

The South Melbourne goalkeeper, after waiting many years for his big chance, collided with team mate Robbie Dunn, causing injury to his shoulder.

Jeff Oliver from Heidelberg replaced Laumets.

LIKE most other clubs, Leichhardt Apia are struggling to pay their bills from gate receipts, but they've shown plenty of enterprise in the tricky business of raising funds.

A special dinner and show at the magnificent Apia club was attended by 545 members and friends.

Dinner tickets cost \$25 each and this raised \$5,000 and a well-patronised raffle, with an Alitalia trip to Europe top prize, produced another \$4,000.



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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE F.A. CUP FINAL

ONCE again in London on Saturday all roads will lead to Wembley and the 103rd English F.A. Challenge Cup Final — this year between Everton and Watford.

This will be the 56th Cup Final to be held at Wembley and once again it will be an afternoon of high tension and drama conducted in an atmosphere second to none.

There is no other Cup Final in the world that can compare with an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Many other competitions — including the various prestigious European competitions — have tried to emulate the Wembley Final, but to no avail.

This occasion is much more than a sporting event — it's a way of life and a part of England's heritage.

"Up for the Cup" is the cry that will echo around London this coming weekend as invading hordes from the North of

England make their annual pilgrimage to the big smoke.

Enthusiasm for the Cup Final never wanes and indeed seems to grow every year.

A hundred thousand Soccer-crazy fans will pack the magnificent stadium to watch "The Toffemen" of Everton take on "The Hornets" from Watford.

Some critics are already on record as stating that this is not one of the glamour finals and the match may not be up to expectations.

I disagree, because both Everton and Watford are fine teams with tremendous attacks and a positive outlook on how the game of football should be played.

Already we have seen Everton in action in a final this year when they went

so near in the Milk Cup Final against rivals Liverpool.

Their manager Howard Kendall has built a young side that comes forward at every opportunity and plays an all-action game.

Watford boss Graham Taylor is another young manager who believes in positive methods and has proved his worth time and time again, with this progressive club.

Taylor was plucked out of the blue from Lincoln City by Watford chairman Elton John and since arriving on the scene has worked miracles with the Hertfordshire club.

The last time these two teams met the score was 4 - 4 and if they can reproduce this type of fare on Saturday it will be an afternoon to remember.

English Cup Finals come in many different packages

— all thoroughly interesting.

Such an occasion brings out the best in many teams: players, previously given no chance to succeed by the pundits, write their names in the history books in 90 minutes!

Wembley is the haven of the underdog, as so many Finals have proved.

With Soccer being the most international of team sports throughout the world, the F.A. Cup Final will be relayed throughout the world by the miracle of television.

Here in Australia we will again be lucky thanks to help from Channel 9 TV.

Over the years F.A. Cup Final parties have become a popular event — in Sydney at least.

This year Everton will go into the final as favourite, after their Milk Cup Final showing.

Being a former Watford player, I would love to see the Hornets win on this their first trip to the Mecca of Soccer.

However on such an occasion one must not allow the heart to rule positive thinking and indeed Everton have every right to their favouritism.

If ever a club deserved to win the Cup it's Everton.

Their home is in Liverpool and for years they have had to live under the shadow of the Liverpool club — undoubtedly the most successful in the world.

There's a joke going around Merseyside that Everton would have difficulty winning a toss far less an important trophy!

In fact the last honour the Everton club won was in 1970 — the League Championship.

Since then — up until this season — playing for Everton in the shadow of Liverpool, has been like being held in a concentration camp!

But this year, manager Howard Kendall has opened the gates and broken Everton free and the club is no longer the second class citizen of the area.

Pride has returned to Goodison Park and it will be a proud team that troops on to the lush turf of Wembley Stadium.

This Everton team is filled with top class talent with Scottish international Andy Gray leading the way.

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A key attacker for Everton: Adrian Heath

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STEVE SHERWOOD, the Watford goalkeeper

This will be Everton's seventh appearance in the Cup Final, having won the prized pot three times, the last time being in 1966.

This will be Watford's first appearance and it will be a great afternoon for this fine club.

Six years ago they were

in the fourth division — now they're one of the first division giants and a Cup finalist. Tremendous stuff.

Of course the Watford boom came when pop star Elton John became interested in the club and with his money and manager Taylor's know-how, they quickly climbed to the top of the hit parade.

Watford is, and always has been, a club with an intense "family atmosphere" about it, and when I popped into Vicarage Road during a visit to Britain in January, I found to my pleasure the same friendly atmosphere still exists.

Manager Taylor has built a very fine team over the years with players such as Maurice Johnston, George Reilly and John Barnes topline performers.

If there is a real weakness in the Watford line-up it could be in goal where Steve Sherwood has his shaky moments.

But there again, as on so many other occasions, Wembley Stadium could bring out the best in this custodian.

The winner? With a sad heart, I must select Everton whose motto incidentally is "Nothing but the best is good enough."

But the real winner on the afternoon will be the millions of people throughout the world who will watch this match — the most fascinating club event on the world sporting calendar.

JANKOVICS'

BY BRAD EARL

MARK JANKOVICS had a sensational introduction to his midfield role with Marconi.

After opening the season — his seventh with the Fairfield club — as a striker, he suffered an injury which sidelined him for a couple of games.

On his return as substitute against Sunshine George Cross, he scored a goal from midfield.

The following week, he started the game in midfield, and had a hand in five goals in the 7-1 win, scoring one with a fine header from 12 metres.

That was followed by the Sydney Olympic 2-2 draw. Jankovics scored, and set up a goal for Tommy McCulloch.

Future

Against Wollongong, he was switched back to the forward-line in the second half — a half in which Marconi scored all four goals — but coach Les Scheinflug said that, at 28, Jankovics future is as a midfielder.

"His whole attitude is different this year," Scheinflug said of Mark Jankovics' enthusiasm.

"Many midfield players run away from the ball, whereas Mark is always looking for it," said Scheinflug.

Mark relishes the freedom he has in midfield, and he is forming a good understanding with Craig Mason and Tommy McCulloch in the Marconi "engine-room."

"I go out with the attitude that I'm going to enjoy the game," Jankovics commented.

"If you put the effort in, you'll enjoy it — and in sport or anything else if you don't enjoy what you're doing, you're not going to succeed."

Succeed is definitely something Jankovics has done

Edging towards a century of goals, he is the third highest goalscorer in the history of the National League behind Gary Cole and John Kosmina

He has represented Australia 17 times in full internationals, and was virtually a regular national squad member from 1979 to 1983

Some of those games for Australia were as a midfielder, under Rudi Gutendorf, and Jankovics has a positive attitude to future selection.

SUPER SWITCH

"Lack of consistency has always been my downfall, but I have never played better in my life than this year, whether as a midfielder or a deep-lying forward."

Consistency

As to his role in the midfield, he says it is up to him to achieve consistency. He is no longer relying on other players to provide the service a forward requires to shine.

"There is not much you can do if you don't get the service up-front. In midfield, there is more freedom, and you get the chance to dictate the play."

"I suppose there is more room in midfield for you to show off a bit more!"

The sight of Mark Jankovics venting his anger on his team-mates and admonishing them on their mistakes does not immediately suggest a player who is enjoying his game.

But Jankovics believes that is part of his role as one of the experienced members of a basically young Marconi team.

He is partnered by talented but still inexperienced players such as McCulloch, Tilly Carbone, Rod Brown, David Lowe and Rene Licata when Marconi push forward.

"Experience counts for a lot of things," Jankovics said. "When you look at the great teams in the world, like Liverpool, Juventus, and the Italian team that won the World Cup, they are very experienced."

"I feel I have to keep on the young guys to make a sustained effort."

"You have to work a bit more to get the results and to be consistent."

Jankovics, dominant in midfield and joining the attack whenever possible, will be playing a big part in driving Marconi to that necessary level of consistency this year.

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MONARO HAD SUPER SUBS

BY BERNIE HARRIS

DENIED the services by injury of captain John Santolin and striker Bas Giampaolo, Inter-Monaro found worthy replacements in midfielder Isaac Farrell and the evergreen Harry Williams as the team stayed top of the table with a 6-1 thumping of Canterbury at Bruce Stadium.

Billy Willox opened the scoring after 14 minutes after Ray Colbertaldo robbed the Canterbury defence.

Walter Valeri failed to capitalise on Tony Brennan's defence-breaching runs, but made no mistake from the penalty spot when, after 33 minutes, Andrew Monterosso was flattened in the area.

With five minutes remaining to the break, Farrell's 35 metre drive was headed by Monterosso against the crossbar. The youngster atoned for this miss when he scored a minute before half-time, having seen Colbertaldo put Inter-Monaro three goals ahead two minutes earlier.

Canterbury's best first half opportunity came when Loui Dounis' shot was well saved by Michael Hocking, and a free-kick to the visitors one metre to the right of the penalty spot was blocked when all 11 Inter-Monaro players guarded the goal-line.

It took 30 minutes in the second half for Farrell to extend the lead to 5-0.

In that period, three yellow cards were earned, including one for Williams, who grasped John Pettas in a challenge that must have brought back fond memories of his World Cup appearances in West Germany almost 10 years to the day.

Inter-Monaro squandered at least a dozen scoring opportunities, and if ever they can convert all their chances, the scoreboard operator will justifiably claim triple time.

As it was, Colbertaldo made it 6-0 with his second goal of the day, while John Anagnostopoulos was dismissed from the field for alleged dissent.

The final goal fell to John Karaspyros to put Canterbury on the scoresheet, but it diminished little of the gloss of another superb display by the pretenders to NSL promotion.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovic, Williams, Ambrosino, Francis, Willox, Monterosso, Farrell, Brennan, Valeri, Colbertaldo.

CANTERBURY: Konistis, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Karaspyros, Laws, Anagnostopoulos, Pettas, Sternatis (Philippou), Hall, Dounis, Hajitof (Joannidis).

ROBERT STUART

WARRINGAH'S BAD TROT CONTINUES

WARRINGAH-Narrabeen continued their bad form of recent weeks losing to Avala 2-0 at Knight Park.

Warringah coach John Wignall was disgusted with the lack of confidence and dedication of his players.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," he said.

"It was a shocking effort from the team. I try to keep things as simple as possible but it's not working. There have to be changes.

Luck was another element missing from Warringah's game. In the 15th minute a shot from Billy Bulloch hit the underside of the crossbar and was cleared from danger.

"It might have been different if we scored first but

Avala deserved the points on the day.

"Some of my senior players aren't producing the goods. Apart from the Dean brothers no-one could complain if they were dropped," Wignall said.

A disappointing aspect from the game was the number of free-kicks awarded to both sides — 61. This didn't allow for a free-flowing game and hindered both teams.

Gary Bateman opened the score in the 76th minute after he beat a couple of Warringah defenders and confidently drove the

ball home.

In the 82nd minute Milne ended Warringah's hopes of a possible draw with a well-taken goal following good lead-up work from Richie Williams and Mahamah.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lucchesi, Da Silva, Budim, MacKenzie, Duvnjak, Williams, Mahamah (Kodor 70), Harris, Bateman, Milne.

WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN: P.Dean, Sarge, Hiscock, A.Dean, Collings, Taylor (Griffin 75), Earl, Hanley, Bulloch, McDonagh, Sadtner (Rimmer 66).

defensive work from goalkeeper Chris Cassettari and the back four of Pagano, Doyle, Dick and Jones. In seven games this year they have only conceded two goals.

Yugal goalkeeper Peter Berry was in tremendous form for the visitors. He couldn't be faulted for both goals.

Stuart opened the scoring after only four minutes. Holloway headed the ball towards the goal and Stuart diverted the ball away from the Yugal keeper with a glancing header.

In the 20th minute a scorching 20 metre drive from Jones was brilliantly saved by Berry.

Manly sealed the issue in the 70th minute. Substitute Davison pressured the Yugal defence, passed to Holloway and his cross was driven in by Stuart.

Manly look like strengthening their squad in the coming weeks. Negotiations are currently underway to secure experienced English player Asa Hartford for guest appearances.

MANLY: Cassettari, Williamson, Pagano, Doyle, Dick, Jones, Steven (Davison 45), Gabriel, Stuart, Holloway, Leak (Pearce 70).

BROWN HAT-TRICK SINKS BANKSTOWN

ROCKDALE striker Ross Brown laid the foundation for his team's 4-1 win over Bankstown with a well-taken hat-trick.

Brown, one of the most experienced players in the State League, always looked threatening in attack.

Rockdale coach Iliya Takac was impressed with Brown's performance, along with the overall effort from his team.

"Ross took his chances well. The team is firing and we are only two points away from leaders Inter-Monaro," Takac said.

Rockdale could have raced away to 1-0 lead after only seven minutes after referee Doug Rennie awarded Rockdale a penalty for handball. Nasteviski fired his attempt wide of goal.

In fact it was Bankstown who opened the scoring in the 8th minute through Wally Apanian after good lead-up by Phil Dolton.

Moments later Jones was brought down in the Bankstown area and Nasteviski made no mistake with his second penalty attempt.

Apanian had a chance to put Bankstown in front but his open attempt at goal flew into the side netting.

Brown scored the first of his three goals in the 25th minute with a powerful drive into goal.

His second goal earned the wrath of the Bank-

stown supporters. From an off-side position he broke away from the defence to score a runaway goal.

In the 66th minute Brown sealed the issue with a brilliant 18 metre

drive.

ROCKDALE: Kotsohambos, Grasevski, J.Wilson, D.Wilson, Pilovski, Yousaph, Nasteviski, Slavski, Brown (Baumgartner 79), Jones,

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL: Giffin, Dolton, Agostino, Hasnic, Cootes, Badawy (Hennes 61), Parker, Blackburn, Apanian, Meerbani, El Hussieni (Sirett 52).

AUBURN, POLONIA SHARE THE POINTS

AUBURN-Uruguay slipped into the top four after drawing with Polonia 1-1 at Mona Park.

Auburn looked well in control during the opening 30 minutes of the game. In the 4th minute a glancing header by OShana just missed the goal and moments later Townson's shot just missed the target.

Polonia fought their way back into the game and continually threatened in front of Auburn's goal.

Sobczyk had the perfect opportunity to put the visitors ahead but with the Auburn goalkeeper to beat he miskicked the ball.

In the 62nd Polonia defender Jordan was unmarked in front of the empty Auburn goal and his shot hit the crossbar and bounced out of danger.

Against the run of play, Auburn opened the scoring in the 73rd minute through a penalty by Tony OShana after a Polonia player handled the ball inside the

box. This didn't deter Polonia and they fought back looking for the equaliser. A brilliant scissor kick by Jordan was superbly tipped over the bar by Auburn keeper Rosano.

With three minutes remaining Polonia levelled. Auburn defender David Watt could only watch in despair as his attempted clearance found the back of his own net.

It was a fine team effort from Polonia with Jordan standing out in defence. Auburn were best served by goalkeeper Carlos Rosano and the dangerous Tony OShana.

AUBURN-URUGUAY: Rosano, Kelly, Geekie, Watt, Planinic, Bobinac, Carney, Akoutas (Banates 77), Townson (Parfitt 85), Knight, OShana.

POLONIA: Barker, Jordan, Galas, Forgarty, Hanaeffe, I.Garlowski, Divani, Kowalczyk, Nowak, Lumsdaine, Sobczyk (Colusso 80).



TONY BRENNAN (centre)

SHARKS TAME CHASERS

SUTHERLAND bounced back on the winning trail with a deserved 2-0 victory over a depleted Ku-ring-gai at Seymour Shaw Park.

Ku-ring-gai started the game without their first choice (Andrew Prentice) and second choice (Andrew Lacey) goalkeepers. Ex-Blacktown City goalie Anton Avellino took charge between the sticks.

Experienced defender Terry Bertram was also missing and Andy Tracey started the game from the bench after suffering from a serious bout of flu during the week.

Andrew Harper, who celebrated his 17th birthday on Sunday, had a very successful first team debut for Ku-ring-gai. In the space of eight games he has worked his way up through the lower grades and is an exciting local prospect.

Ku-ring-gai, who matched Sutherland during the opening stanza, almost opened the scoring in the 44th minute.

Harper made a dashing run towards goal but sturdy defensive work from Sutherland halted his progress.

Mark Harrington opened the scoring in the 51st minute following a well-taken free-kick.

Gray almost made it 2-0 but his header from a corner-kick sailed over the crossbar. Harper replied for the visitors when his first-time volley flew over the Sutherland goal from close range.

Ex-Blacktown midfielder John Stoddart pushed the score to 2-0 when he ran onto a well placed through ball.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno, Harrington, Rogers, Stoddart, Groome, Cashman (Watkins 49), Gray.

KU-RING-GAI: Avellino, Bennett, Jesse, Mortlock, Watson, Quigley (Hunter 87), Bourke, Dene, Harper (Tracey 75), Jefferey, Seach.

THE SAGA IS OVER!

BY PHIL MURPHY

THE saga involving Moritzio Montecchi and Robert Giraldi has ended with Fairy Meadow signing the pair from neighbouring Wollongong Macedonia for \$4,500.

The players have been sidelined while negotiations between the clubs went on and it was feared at one stage they might have to take legal action to get back on the field.

Wollongong originally had Giraldi for sale at \$7,000 and Montecchi at \$4,000, but their fees were reduced to \$3,000 on appeal to the NSW Federation.

They had appealed again to the Federation and this appeal was pending when the package deal finally went through.

With Giraldi adding even more firepower to their attack and Montecchi in the defence, Fairy Meadow look to have a big chance of promotion. Montecchi played with the club on loan from Wollongong last season and was named Fairy Meadow Player of the Year.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA supporters have been giving newly-signed striker

Barney King a bad time because he wasn't getting goals.

It was shades of when Glenn Fontana played with the club when the fans started demanding that coach John Bingham drop King from the team.

Bingham answered them by saying Fontana received the same treatment the season he went on to get 15 goals and the team won the grand final.

King could be following Fontana's example... he hit home a hat-trick the week after the controversy looked like coming to a head.

He scored his three goals in Wollongong's 7-2 home win over Belmore, and that is obviously the best way to answer your critics.

BOB EVANS resigned or was deposed as Warilla Wanderers coach after just five premiership games.

The committee are reported to have been unhappy with the way he

was handling the team and he went days after the away game against Corimal.

Warilla went out under stand-in coach Manuel Leon to beat Corimal 5-2, but the side still has a few problems to overcome to get in the top four.

FAIRY MEADOW'S Bill Sheridan would have to rate among the fittest players in any of the State League Divisions.

Sheridan, 18, joined Fairy Meadow from monaro this season and is going very well.

He was raised in Collector, near Goulburn, and claims the fitness bug caught up with him when he regularly ran around the family dairy farm.

When Fairy Meadow started pre-season training the other players couldn't believe it when Sheridan started lapping them.

"He will run all day and I am very impressed with his fitness," coach Mike Johnson said.

Sheridan said he can feel his game improving every week under Johnson's coaching.

BULLI finally did what five other premier league teams failed to do when they scored against Fernhill at Towradgi Park.

Before that game, Fernhill went five matches or 540 minutes without conceding a goal.

Fernhill needed only to keep a blank sheet against Bulli to equal the record set by Tarrawanna a few years back.

Bulli have proved a real surprise packet this season and coach Norm Flanagan is confident he has a strong-enough squad to stay right up there with the leaders.

It is a long time since Bulli made such a big claim for the premiership, but many of the players from the strong Bulli teams of the '60s are still with club as officials.

FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE		1	2	3
Aub Uruguay	Vs	Polonia	1-1	3-0 2-3
Ridgeland	Vs	B'stown Natl	4-1	n/p
Manly W'gah	Vs	SSC Yugal	2-0	5-0 2-1
Avala	Vs	W'gah N'been	2-0	1-3 5-1
S'tand Shire	Vs	Ku-Ring-Gai	2-0	1-1 4-0
Inter Monaro	Vs	Cant-M'ville City	0-1	1-4

2ND DIVISION		1	2	3
Uni of NSW	Vs	G'tville Hby	0-2	1-3 1-1
Artarmon	Vs	Penrith Utd	1-2	1-7 1-4
Parra City	Vs	Nth Bankstown	1-7	1-2 1-2
B'town Utd	Vs	Penrith Utd	4-1	5-1 2-1
Bathurst 75	Vs	W'gong Mac	1-1	2-1 6-0
R'sby W'rs	Vs	Artarmon	5-0	5-0 2-1
F Meadow	Vs	D W Swans	3-2	1-2 2-3

3RD DIVISION		1	2	3
Kingsford	Vs	CSI Schofields	2-0	4-2 2-1
Bondi Manne	Vs	M'bank-L'pool	1-2	6-3 8-0
B'kham Hills	Vs	Q Pk E/S	0-5	1-2 5-0
C'town City	Vs	King Tomislav	2-2	2-1 5-0
North Ryde	Vs	Lane Cove	1-0	4-0 N/P
Mt D Town	Vs	Port Hacking	0-2	1-1 0-2

1ST DIVISION		1	2	3
E'wood S/A	Vs	Syd Uni	0-2	1-3
Maroubra	Vs	N'vch Eagles	5-1	3-5
Wentworth	Vs	W'ill Park	1-3	1-2
Padstow Pk	Vs	F'ield Kiev	2-1	9-1
Spanish Club	Vs	H'ville Zagreb	0-2	1-2
C'town G	Vs	Rooty Hill	1-0	1-1

2ND DIVISION		1	2	3
West United	Vs	M'thur Utd	3-2	0-0
Tras Sports	Vs	G V Utd	3-3	1-1
Concordia	Vs	Syd Macab	2-1	0-1
H'bury Dist	Vs	Pagewood	3-1	1-0
Chine Sports	Vs	Macq Uni	0-1	4-2
H'bury Dist	Vs	W St George	0-0	3-3
Pagewood	Vs	Chelsea	1-0	0-1

3RD DIVISION		1	2	3
Chullora	Vs	B'town W'ers	3-3	3-4
Robins	Vs	D'wich Hill	0-2	3-2
R'haduk	Vs	S'field H/S	3-0	2-2
H'field B/D	Vs	M F Rangers	2-2	0-3
L'pool City	Vs	Nep Rovers	3-1	3-1

4TH DIVISION		1	2	3
Hellas Pose	Vs	L'gow W'omens	0-1	3-0
Castle Hill	Vs	L'vale Utd	1-1	3-2
Argian L/U	Vs	W Sports	2-3	1-1
B'town W'rs	Vs	C'cord Jrs	0-4	0-3
L'pool R	Vs	Colo Colo	2-4	0-1

5TH DIVISION		1	2	3
M'donia Yag	Vs	Cres Star	0-1	N/P
F'ield Ath	Vs	Sans Souci	7-2	2-1
P'ham Lus	Vs	Abruzzi	6-5	2-0
Lud'ham Cr	Vs	St Marys RSL	3-2	3-2
Greenland	Vs	Calabria	2-1	7-1

TABLES

DIV 1 GDE 1		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaro	8	5	3	0	28	13	15	
Manly	7	5	2	0	18	2	12	
Rockdale	6	5	1	2	28	9	11	
Auburn	8	4	2	2	10	9	10	
Cant-M'ville	8	4	2	2	10	11	10	
Sutherland	8	4	1	3	11	8	9	
Bankstown	8	2	1	5	10	14	5	
Yugal	8	1	3	4	9	14	5	
Warrington	7	2	1	4	11	17	5	
Polonia	8	1	3	4	8	14	5	
Avala	8	2	1	5	8	15	5	
Ku-ring-gai	9	1	2	5	8	10	4	

DIV 1 GDE 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cant-M'ville	8	7	6	1	20	9	14	
Manly	7	4	2	1	20	7	10	
Sutherland	8	3	3	2	21	14	8	
Bankstown	7	4	1	2	12	8	8	
Auburn	8	3	3	2	14	12	8	
Ku-ring-gai	8	3	3	2	8	8	9	
Rockdale	7	2	3	2	12	8	7	
Warrington	7	3	1	3	10	11	7	
Monaro	8	3	0	5	12	16	6	
Yugal	8	2	2	4	7	15	6	
Polonia	8	1	2	5	4	19	4	
Avala	8	0	2	6	5	20	2	

DIV 1 GDE 3		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutherland	7	5	2	0	22	8	12	
Polonia	7	5	0	1	17	10	12	
Manly	7	5	1	1	18	6	11	
Cant-M'ville	7	5	1	1	17	9	11	
Auburn	6	3	3	0	11	9	8	
Warrington	6	2	2	2	8	11	8	
Avala	6	2	0	5	15	18	4	
Rockdale	7	2	0	5	8	14	4	
Yugal	7	2	0	5	7	14	4	
Bankstown	7	1	2	4	8	13	4	
Ku-ring-gai	7	2	0	5	7	17	4	

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Dee Why	8	5	2	1	27	8	12	
F Meadow	7	5	0	1	15	6	12	
Bathurst	8	4	3	1	14	8	11	
Biktem Utd	8	4	2	2	22	11	10	
Nth Bank	7	4	1	2	19	8	8	
Rev W'rs	7	3	2	2	14	7	8	
Glades Hby	7	3	2	2	10	4	8	
W'gong Mac	6	2	3	1	13	7	7	
Artarmon	6	2	3	4	14	23	7	
Belmore	7	1	2	4	8	16	4	
Penrith Utd	7	2	0	5	5	10	4	
Parra City	7	1	0	6	8	30	2	
Uni of NSW	8	1	0	7	9	31	2	

DIV 2 GDE 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Biktem Utd	8	7	0	1	31	3	14	
Dee Why	8	5	1	1	25	8	13	
Rev W'rs	7	4	2	1	18	8	11	
Nth Bank	7	3	1	3	18	11	11	
Artarmon	8	5	0	4	19	22	10	

Glades Hby		7	4	0	3	10	11	8
W'gong Mac		6	4	0	2	15	8	8
Penrith		7	2	1	4	13	28	5
F Meadow		7	2	0	5	7	11	4
Belmore		7	2	0	5	6	15	4
Bathurst		8	2	0	6	8	20	4
Parra City		7	1	1	5	9	20	3
Uni of NSW		8	1	0	7	3	23	2

DIV 2 GDE 3		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belmore	7	7	0	0	41	1	14	
Bathurst	8	6	0	2	21	8	12	
Biktem Utd	8	4	4	0	17	6	12	
Uni of NSW	8	3	3	2	11	9	9	
Glades Hby	7	3	2	2	18	7	8	
Nth Bank	7	4	0	3	15	8	8	
Penrith	7	4	0	3	15	12	8	
Artarmon	8	2	2	5	10	20	8	
Dee Why	7	2	2	3	11	24	6	
F Meadow	6	1	3	2	7	9	5	
Parra City	7	1	1	5	7	14	3	
Rev W'rs	7	1	1	5	8	26	3	
W'gong Mac	8	0	0	6	2	34	0	

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Warrington N'been v Auburn Uruguay
Polonia v Sutherland Shire
Ku-ring-gai v Rockdale Ilinden
Inter-Monaro v Bankstown National

DIVISION 2

Saturday May 19:
Artarmon v Fairy Meadow
Artarmon Reserve

Sunday May 20:
North Bankstown v Revesby Workers
Gladesville Hby v Parramatta City
Penrith United v University of NSW
Wollongong v Blacktown United
Belmore v Bathurst '75

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

DIVISION 1

**NO 1ST DIVISION
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DIVISION 2

Sunday May 27:
Fairy Meadow v North Bankstown
Revesby Workers v Gladesville Hornsby
Parramatta City v Penrith United
University of NSW v Wollongong
Blacktown United v Belmore
Dee Why Swans v Artarmon

Memorial Pk Corimal
Milperra Reserve
Garside Park
Little Bay Oval
Francis Park
Cromer Park

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CHOOSE SQUAD

MARISE STEPHENS, the public relations officer for the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association, has announced the open and youth squads to commence training for the National Championships.

OPEN SQUAD: K. O'Sullivan, T. Smith, L. Geddes, L. Thorne, L. Lange, C. Wass (Riverwood), J. Millman, K. Millman, L. Spencer, C. Spencer, L. Priestley, S. Clayton (Easts), S. Monteath, J. Dolan, L. Hadley, J. Columbus (Grange Thistle), D. White (North Star). **Coach:** F. Robins. **Manageress:** M. Stephens.

YOUTH SQUAD: H. Souvlis, K. Dunlop, K. Drake, S. Drake, K. Janssen, S. Wass (Riverwood), S. Cramp, V. Clayton, K. Paley, T. Diprose (Easts).

J. Pillon (Kingston), G. Schloss (North Star), A. Calpenteraldo (Redlands). **Coach:** G. Pfuhl. **Manageress:** J. Janssen.

The Queensland State titles will be held in Caloundra over the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

Marise told me that there had been a new club formed in the Brisbane area — Grange Thistle.

Three well-known players have been attracted to the new club, Sue Monteath, Stephanie McMahon and Julie Dolan.

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CLUB CHANGES

FROM Victoria, we hear that the three interstate representatives, Therese Jones, Kim Coates and Andrea Martin, have set up new camps this season.

All three have left their old clubs to join newly-formed clubs.

Nunawading will benefit from the experience of Therese and Andrea, and Kim has gone to a new outfit in Dandenong City.

In New South Wales, the only significant change to date is the move of Julie Porter from the South Coast to Lionel Sneyd's team of Budgewoi on the Central Coast.

Graham Rees, president of Northern Territory women's Soccer, told me that the Under 17 competition held in Darwin recently has been a boon to the association up there.

There have been two teams formed for the Darwin competition and Graham has gained six players for his own team.

Before the Under 17 tournament, Darwin's Soccer for women had to contend with tough football, which is played year-round in the northern city.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Killamey v Arncliffe Scots	1-1
Epping Eastwood 1 v Budgewoi	8-0
Wentworth v Epping Eastwood 2	3-1
Prospect bye	

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	11	7	1	3	30	23	15
Leichhardt	11	6	2	3	18	12	14
Canberra	11	6	1	4	25	19	13
Newcastle	10	5	3	2	13	9	13
AIS	9	5	2	2	22	10	12
Olympic	11	6	0	5	30	21	12
Melita Eagles	10	5	2	3	18	17	12
Blacktown	11	4	2	5	9	18	10
Sydney City	9	4	1	4	20	16	9
Penrith	10	3	2	5	20	26	8
Marconi	11	2	3	6	13	22	7
Croatia	12	3	0	9	15	29	6
Wollongong	10	2	1	7	13	24	5

THERE was plenty of action in the National Youth League with two penalties to Melita Eagles against Croatia — one scored and one saved — and four players sent off.

At Adamstown Oval on Saturday, Newcastle Rosebuds had a narrow win over Blacktown Demons 2-1.

In a lacklustre first half, the only highlights were a disallowed Newcastle goal and a Bill Tonkin drive that struck the woodwork.

The second period was a lot livelier, with Terry Mason opening the scoring in the 53rd minute.

Matt Garland sealed it for the Rosebuds with just a few minutes left.

At the Sydney Athletic Field, the Slickers returned to their old form when they proved too strong for old foes Marconi, beating them comfortably 4-0.

Marconi were somewhat hampered when Tony Marino was sent from the field in the 31st minute.

However, they were already one goal down to an Alex Bottalico screamer in the 23rd minute, and the big striker grabbed another cracker in the 60th minute. Other scorers for the Slickers were Tony Porthouse (40th) and Graeme Patterson (77th).

Canberra Arrows just pipped Penrith 2-1 at Cook Park.

Ibrahim Gahut opened the scoring for the Arrows in the 57th minute, Stewart Montgomery levelled the scores for the Panthers seven minutes later, and then Arrows' George Cerro grabbed the winner two minutes later.

Temper was a bit high at King Tomislav Park in the Croatia - Melita match.

Two Croatia players were shown red cards, one for fighting in which the Eagles' Peter Delaney had to receive hospital treatment for a dislocated jaw.

The Eagles also had two penalties awarded to them. Birol Serbas scored one and Croatia keeper Greg Woodhouse saved Serbas' other attempt.

Derek Laing scored Eagles' second goal.

At Pratten Park, Leichhardt were a trifle lucky to take the two points from a frustrated Olympic side.

Leichhardt scored two goals against the run of play in the first half through Vice Collaguri and Frank Speranza after Olympic had 75 per cent of the play. Bob Catlin in the Leichhardt goal was a prime reason, but poor finishing also contributed.

In the "top versus bottom" confrontation between Wollongong and St George, the sides shared the honours with one goal apiece.

The Saints can consider themselves a little lucky that the Wolves, who dominated for most of the game, didn't grab a late winner when Ray Farrell hit the post and then forced a great save from Warwick Young in the dying minutes.

Scott Watson was the Saints' scorer in the 44th minute, and Darren Nees equalised in the 55th minute.

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MANLY-WARRINGAH'S women's team competed in the New Caledonian Cup in Noumea last year. They are pictured playing a local side — with the onlookers on "the hill" behind them.

Women in Soccer

BY DON BALMAIN

NSW U15 STATE TEAM

THE New South Wales Under 15 women's team was announced last week.

The players are: Sharon Botfield (Holroyd), Kathy Brenton (Blacktown), Dawn Clark (Sutherland), Nadine Collister (Liverpool), Melissa Cuddy (Sutherland), Loretta Downie (Liverpool), Leanne Evans (Blacktown), Julie Hebb (Blacktown), Kristine James (Gladesville-Hornsby), Nicole Komorowski (Blacktown), Kathy Mickwuter (Holroyd), Kim McMyles (Blacktown), Wendy Volkiene (Blacktown), Tracey Wadsworth (Liverpool), Amanda Walker (Manly-Warringah), Jody Walker (Sutherland).

To train on: Katrina Alexandra (Liverpool), Fiona Jackson (Liverpool), Dnie Pentacoste (Blacktown), Teresa Zolewski (Liverpool).

The manageress of the team is Wendy Thomas of Blacktown, and the coach is Leonie Parker of Manly-Warringah.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP RESULTS

UPSETS IN NORTH

BY BILL TURNER

NEWCASTLE HIGH still can't believe their home 1-2 loss to Kurri, whilst Warner's Bay are licking their wounds after Jesmond's visit.

Glendale, with a relatively young side, accounted for the more mature Belmont at Lymington Park, Cardiff.

Cessnock and Booragul, complete with former Turner Cup players, won over Muswellbrook and Swansea respectively.

It all points to a tremendous second round when the more powerful Whitebridge, Wallsend and Meriweather join the series.

ROUND 1 RESULTS:
Gateshead 0 Waratah 6,
Cardiff 3 Toronto 1, Glendale 4 Belmont 0, Singleton 5 Scone 1, Cessnock 7 Muswellbrook 0, Broadmeadow 1 West Wallsend 3, Kotara 2 Forster 0, Nelson Bay 0 Morriset 6, Warner's Bay 2 Jesmond 3, Raymond Terrace 1 Francis Greenway 0, Matland 1 Lambton 3, Booragul 5 Swansea 1, Newcastle 1 Kurri 2.

DOUBLE HAT-TRICK CUP HIGHLIGHT

BOMADERRY HIGH'S David Norsworthy notched up a great double hat-trick to provide the highlight to the South Coast Region's first round results in this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

David led his team to an easy 9-1 victory over the hapless Ulladulla.

Other first round hat-tricks were scored by Harvey Escribano of Lake Illawarra and Bowral's John Stuart in easy wins.

Perhaps the shock result was the 3-0 defeat of last year's regional finalists Wollongong. The victors, the very strong Corimal side, are looming as a big threat in this year's competition.

Led by State keeper



David Curley, the team is a well-balanced side with excellent players like

Richard Van der Verdonk, Michael Newling and Paul Ainger.

Other games went according to form, with perhaps the most closely contested game being between Dapto and Oak Flats.

The match featured a great tussle between Dapto's Zoran Miceski and Simon Hull from Oak Flats.

In the second half Dapto gradually got on top and eventually ran out 2-1 victors.

ROUND 2 RESULTS:

MACQUARIE 3 (R.Dunn, N.Bartas, P.Swatridge) d MARSDEN 2 (R.Marco 2) after extra-time. P.Swatridge scored winning goal with five minutes left. **BEST PLAYERS:** goalkeeper A.New, G.McDougall (Macquarie), Raf Marco (Marsden).

PENDLE HILL 2 (Jan Martin, Russell Wyatt) d GRANVILLE 0. **BEST PLAYERS:** defender Randall Easthorpe, right-back James Rimmer, right winger Russell Wyatt, left winger Stephen Kent (PH).

GRANTHAM 2 (C.Baldachino 7th min, T.Wehenmyer 48th) d MT DRUITT (R.Fletcher 68th). **BEST PLAYERS:** C.Smart, M.Creighton (G), R.Fletcher (MD).

WHAT MAKES A PLAYER?

I HAD discussions with Les Scheinflug and Eddie Thomson regarding players and teams in Australia, recently.

Scheinflug discussed his great preference for speed in his players.

Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne obviously come into this category at Marconi, with Rod Brown and David Lowe no slouches either.

Speed can hide a variety of deficiencies among players.

Indeed, without speed some of the players I have coached would have hardly made any impact on the game, yet some of them went on to play for Australia.

Speed, because it can cover up deficiencies in skill, often inhibits a player from developing as he normally might and it is only when the player slows down later that he starts to develop all-round skill.

Eddie Thomson's star winger, now midfielder, Joe Watson, is an example of a player who lacks speed and has developed fine all-round skill to compensate.

In Joe's case, he also lacks height and to a certain extent, strength, so he is very reliant on his excellent tight dribbling skills and accurate kicking.

Joe also receives the ball very well in almost any situation.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

However, lack of speed almost certainly would have limited his chances of making it as a winger in top Scottish Soccer.

The higher the level of the game, the faster and stronger the players generally are.

One player in the Sydney City team who has always impressed me as having the skills, strength and competitiveness to play in top Soccer is John Kosmina.

Thomson rates Kosmina ahead of Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper, especially in heading where, Thomson said, Kosmina attacks the ball. Soper tends to let it hit his head, as it were.

Thomson, however, is a great admirer of Soper's general skill, especially his ability to turn with the ball.

A volatile temperament is Soper's biggest weakness at the moment, as almost all people know in Soccer, especially among centre-backs calculating enough to exploit this weakness.

Thomson was a little disappointed for his busy midfielder, Paul Kay, not making the squad.

I have been interested in the development of Kay since he first joined St George as a 15-year-old, driven there three times a week by his father from Wollongong.

Subsequently he returned to Wollongong City, then on to England for a spell with the second division club Charlton Athletic.

The manager, Alan Mullery, whom I spoke with while over in England, at the time, said he was very impressed by Kay.

Mullery moved on to Crystal Palace, which probably had a bearing on Kay's eventual return to Australia and a mid-field berth with Sydney City.

Small, like Watson, he is, however, nippy and now much stronger in the tackle as a result of his English experience.

Winning the ball had previously been a failing.

Playing in the highly competitive Sydney City team has also encouraged the further development of his tackling.

Despite my limited watching of National League Soccer in recent times, I have been very impressed by the ability and temperament of sweeper David Ratcliffe at St George.

Although he is at times suspect in one-on-one confrontations with skilful attackers, Ratcliffe has a lot of skill for a defender. He is also very sound in the air and strong in the tackle.

His passing and receiving skills are competent. He has steel in his game and an aggressive, competitive temperament.

He is the best all-round defender in this country.

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KUWAIT TOOK BIG TUMBLE

HAVING just returned from a trip to Asia, one of my outstanding memories is of the pre-Olympic Games tournament played in Singapore ... In particular, the performance of the Saudi Arabian team.

If you thought the Arab nations were all great pals, you'd better think again.

To use an old cliché, there is no love lost between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Before the tournament opened in Singapore, all the smart money was on Kuwait and very few people fancied Saudi Arabia or Qatar.

But the Saudis and Qatar will be in Los Angeles for the Olympics while the Kuwaitis will stay home.

As one Singapore newspaper reported: "Saudi Arabia emerged from nowhere, its colours shining brightly where they had previously been gloomy. It was the day for the dark horses to triumph."

Saudi Arabia's delegation leader, Prince Fahad Sultan, said it was an historical event in his country's football story.

"This is the second time Kuwait has fallen to us," said the proud Prince, "the first time being in the military tournament when

they actually fielded their full international team.

"Now we have again brought them to their knees, convincingly beating them 4-1."

While that defeat brought tears to the Kuwaiti players on the field and their supporters in the stands, it brought great joy to their neighbours and rivals.

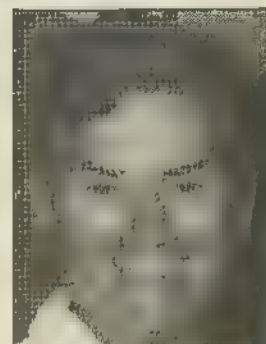
In the past decade, there can be no denying the domination of Middle East Soccer by Kuwait.

Their success has been achieved with Brazilian-type football, which is not surprising when you consider the huge salaries they have been paying to top Brazilian coaches.

Remember the great Zagallo was Kuwait's coach in the lead-up to the 1978 World Cup when Australia played Kuwait at the Sydney Sports Ground... and he was being paid something crazy like \$5,000 per day!

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Kuwait, one of two Asian-Oceania teams to make the finals of the 1982 World Cup in Spain, have



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

had their glory days and must now hand over to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and some others.

If the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait left a big impression on me, so too did the expert refereeing of Australia's Chris Bambridge.

In the Singapore tournament, Bambridge handled twice as many (4) matches as any other referee and hardly put a foot wrong.

He was voted top referee in the series. I was very proud of him and Australia should be similarly proud.

'STEVO' IS ON THE WAY BACK

JOHN STEVENSON, undoubtedly one of the most talented midfielders ever to come to Australia, was last week transfer-listed by his club, Sunshine-George Cross.

This latest event in his career highlights the incredible change of fortune since he was sold by



BY JOE WATSON

Sydney City to South Melbourne a few years ago for \$20,000.

Since that move south, things have never gone right for John. His failure to truly settle down with his family in Melbourne certainly didn't help him to perform with South Melbourne as he had with the Slickers.

Being unemployed for many months and missing the bright lights of Sydney all resulted in John's form taking a nose-dive.

He was eventually transferred to Sunshine-George Cross, where the arrival of his ex-mate at Hearts in Scotland, Tommy Traynor, as coach seemed to inject life into him once more.

But the longing to return to Sydney has resulted in John now being transfer-listed.

John is now bubbling with enthusiasm at the thought of returning to Sydney and is positive the move will result in his turning on the style for an NSL club in Sydney as he did with the Slickers a few seasons ago.

Playmakers of the standard of John Stevenson are few and far between and I'm sure John will have no difficulty in finding a club in Sydney.

There is no doubt in my mind that once "Stevo" gets himself and his family settled in New South Wales, his form will return just as quickly as it disappeared when he left for Melbourne.

I will be only too happy to put any interested club in touch with John. I can be contacted on 349 6142.

Melbourne's loss will be Sydney's gain.

THE coming international games are sure to get a great response from the public.

I'm sure there will be healthy crowds at all the games at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

I only hope the playing surface is better than it was when we played against England last year.

We certainly need a surface at the SCG in top condition; only this way will we get fast attractive Soccer.

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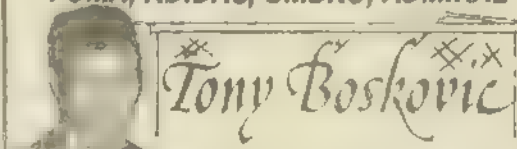


DAVID RATCLIFFE (left) and PAUL KAY (on ground)

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LEETON'S RICE BOWL CELEBRATIONS

BY FRANK FINLAY

OUT at Leeton the juniors, parents and the supporters are full of enthusiasm.

What the town lacks is good Soccer coaches. The fathers do their best, but everyone admits their shortcomings.

Some coaching courses to cover the town would go down particularly well. Perhaps its time for local senior players to lend a hand also.

The Rice Bowl Festival Soccer tournament, which started last season, was well conducted this year and looks like going on forever.

It was strange to see young Soccer players with mouth-guards, but playing without shin-guards.

Forget the mouth-guards boys, and get on with Soccer — the real FOOTBALL.

Many of the boys play Rugby in the morning

and Soccer in the afternoon, but Soccer is the growing game.

Handball offences in play will decrease as Soccer skills increase.

The tournament itself bought over 300 players and supporters together for matches at three grounds at the Shire Ovals.

Tributes should be paid to the four club executives of the Leeton United Soccer Club.

All are mums — president Mrs Judy Cussons, vice-president Mrs Gwen Armstrong, secretary Mrs Wendy Bendeich and treasurer Mrs Jan Robertson.

Mrs Mary Reid was chief of the canteen and Mrs Sandra Thompson led the fundraising.

Michael Dowd was the

convenor with Kevin Thomas, Kevin Farrar, John Bendeich and Mr Robertson assisting.

The boys were of Australian, European and Aboriginal background.

One visiting boy called out: "Look, there is a black boy!" At once a local Leeton junior came back with: "His name is Jim, he is not just a black boy, he is my team-mate."

That set the seal on a very successful tournament.

Orange Waratahs took out the all-age section.

Forbes, also from Western NSW, competed in the U14 and U16 games.

Local clubs won the U12, 14, and 16 grades. Pictured are Hanwood (U12 winners), Griffith (U14) and Yoogali (U16).

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INTERNATIONAL SERIES

COMPROMISE IS NEEDED IN SYDNEY

THERE could have been a compromise solution in Sydney following the Australian Soccer Federation edict that all amateur fixtures be deferred on the three international match Saturdays.

In a letter dated April 11 1984, ASF executive director Brian Emery wrote to all State junior and amateur bodies as follows —

"I wish to advise that the ASF Executive has directed that all junior games are to be deferred while international fixtures are being played in each particular city."

This letter was passed on by the NSW Amateurs to the Sydney Branch, which would be gravely affected.

With the whole season's draws out and no provision made, the answer was a resounding thumbs down.

Decided

Sydney Branch secretary Fred Bones said: "Our meeting decided that it was not in a position to abide by the terms of the letter."

"It is self-evident that almost all associations do not have three Saturdays to spare."

"We even have our

NSW Youth League competitions on a very tight schedule

"I personally checked the Sunday dates not in use at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Surely the ASF could have found a way to utilise some Sundays."

"Sunday internationals would have conflicted with a limited number of junior matches."

To put it bluntly, the clash has arisen because the ASF did not act until after the deadline had arrived.

Juniors were not to know that Saturdays would be required.

Risk

Having said that, and allowing that the Amateurs had reacted as could be expected, one is led to wonder why the associations could not have risked standing down for one Saturday and exploring whether the day could have been picked up.

Soccer only has amateur grounds for five months out of 12. In some areas the competitions are affected by Easter as well because parents take their offspring on holidays.

Many ASF members who voted for the resolution would not have a

clue on the extent of junior and amateur popularity in NSW and Sydney in particular on Saturdays.

They simply would not know what is involved in postponements.

Senior Soccer in Sydney is often organised in particular migrant groups. The rest of local population, whether of backgrounds other than their own or Anglo-Saxon, etc, are not catered for.

They make little contact with the huge junior associations and the schools at any time. Probably only the Greeks and Croats can now afford this luxury.

Involved

Consider what is involved in this late, late edict

The Sydney Branch, including nearby Macarthur from Campbelltown, has over 75,000 players in 6,500 teams in 14 associa-

tions. And that excludes the unaffiliated ones.

Over 750 grounds are involved. Constituent clubs would react strongly to having their competitions butchered now.

Cancellation of rounds is no more acceptable for juniors than it would be for the National and State Leagues.

For almost all juniors a transfer to Sunday games is not an option.

The Ku-ring-gai District is the only one to say that it will defer. It is fair to say that their secretary Rod Woods is an ASF Executive member.

There is little chance of improving the position by Saturday May 26 when Australia and Manchester United clash at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Co-operate

Some compromise is needed. The ASF could clamber down and ask through the usual channels if associations would co-operate by asking clubs and team managers to take boys by car to the SCG after morning games.

It would be a partial solution, and a conference could be arranged as soon as possible to seek a better result prior to Australia v Glasgow Rangers on Saturday June 2 and Australia v Juventus on Saturday June 16.

Personally, I can go back to 1947 when 36,000 turned up to see a great battle between Australia and a strong South Africa.

A 46,000 attendance was recorded at Australia v the English FA in 1951.

In spite of part-time administration of very ordinary standard, one or two Saturdays were left free by the Associations to dovetail with the ASF. There was no Sunday availability of the SCG and arrangements were made in good time.

And as a schoolboy in 1939 I was out there bar-racking for my favourite midfielder Ray "Tigger" Bryant and Australia in the series against Palestine.

I can recommend this sort of enthusiasm to today's vastly increased junior ranks.

One thing I would emphasise. There is no time for ASF executives from interstate to fulminate over the NSW Amateurs attitude.

Some of them have such small junior and amateur bodies that there is no problem of consequence. They could defer and hardly know the difference.

The fact is that for the ASF it was too late a move. Some bridges should be mended and a lesson learnt for 1985.

KEITH GILMOUR JS JUNIOR SCENE

WILSON'S REAL SPECIALITY

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation secretary Frank Wilson is always keen to be involved with boys playing Soccer.

Apart from administration, his greatest interest is as a qualified first-aid man and as such he handles NSW junior teams.

Frank served 15 years as secretary of the huge Gladesville-Hornsby FA, and his involvement is a family trait.

Father Bill and Uncle Lea in their day were secretaries of the NSW Junior Soccer Football Association, the predecessor of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

NEW ZEALAND JUNIORS TOUR GOLD COAST

GOLD COAST Under 13 rep squad coach Greg Handley will need a big effort from his squad when a top New Zealand U13 team visit the Gold Coast, Queensland, this week.

North Island East Coast Zone squad — East Coast Bays — have a very impressive record.

As U12s last season they took on the best of the New Zealand juniors in 30 matches, winning 28. They scored 96 goals, and only conceded six.

Coach is well-known

NZ junior coach Vic Russell

BY TERRY STOLLERY

The visiting team will play three games during their stay on the Gold Coast.

They will play the Gold Coast Zone 9 (Old) U15 rep squad, who train un-

der local senior coach Bill Walsh.

The third game will be played on Thursday evening against a Gold Coast representative team to be named on the evening.

All games are to be played at the Palm Beach Soccer Club.

VINCE BALZAN -NSW U15 COACH

VINCENT BALZAN has built up a reputation as one of leading youth coaches.

Born in Malta, he played Soccer as a youngster with Leichhardt Police Boys Club and from there he progressed into the third and second grade teams of APIA-Leichhardt.

After a couple of pre-season trials in the first team, Vince realised that he could not make the big-time and decided to join up with his friends and see out his days in Churches football.

His interest in coaching started at an early age.

No doubt it was triggered off by seeing some of the great APIA players of the day in regular action.

Foremost in his mind was Leo Baumgartner, but others to readily come to mind were Ricardo Campana, Karl Jaros, Johnny Giacometti, Stan Ackley, Pat Hughes and John Watkiss.

When he decided to devote his time to coaching rather than playing, Vince took the Gladesville-Hornsby youth teams to the Metropolitan and State Championships as U14s and U15s.

Success did not greet his year with Melita Eagles third team, but he believes that he laid a good foundation for his successor, who won the competition the following year with a reinforced side.

In 1983 Balzan coached NSW U14 this year he has the NSW and NSW Country U15 teams.

A State instructor with the NSW Coaches Federation, he holds a Level III certificate. Of the many good coaches he has worked under, the most influential have been Vic Dalgleish and Mick Jones.



Looking ahead, Vince aims to see that the Coaches Federation has its rightful say in the conduct of the sport.

"We need to attract the big-name coaches back into our ranks," he said.

"This will enable us to select a task-force to formulate better long-term plans to develop our juniors," he said.

VENTURA SAYS:

RECAST THE NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

SOUTHERN & EASTERN Soccer Football Association secretary Sil Ventura believes that the NSW Youth League will have to be recast in 1985.

"The present situation is not doing the standard of football any good," he said.

"We have been supporting and will continue to support the Sydney City teams, as the senior club is the leading club of our district.

"Next you find that Yugal and Rockdale Ilinden have been admitted and that three clubs are com-

peting for the same boys.

"At the last Southern & Eastern meeting, the possibility of all parties getting together and discussing the position was canvassed.

"Under these circumstances, the teams would probably operate under the Southern & Eastern banner."

The first review of the entire position would be

by the Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

It is no use taking in clubs willy nilly, or the whole purpose of the Youth League will have been destroyed.

This year the Southern & Eastern entries have been up to expectations, with almost 200 teams competing.

The Premier League,

First, Second and Third Divisions of senior Soccer have settled down to a degree not considered possible some years ago.

These competitions are being successfully conducted under the guidance of Danny Corbett.

The Association had only two Under 17 teams. Trasandinos is playing with St George and Marcellin College Randwick has joined the Canterbury Association.

"Southern & Eastern has only ever had success in the Mini Ampol Cup and once at the U15 level," Mr Ventura said.

"However, we can take some credit that many individual players have been successful with senior clubs."

WASSELL IS HERO

MANLY was jubilant when Steven Wassell scored to give their U14 team a 1-0 win over Granville district at Garside Park in a Group A match on Saturday.

The U13 result went 4-0 to Granville in a one-sided affair.

Granville also won 3-1 in U15 with Manly's goal coming from Benjamin Wills. The game went closer than the score indicates.

Manly had the chance to win a close game in the U16 grade but missed the penalty in the closing stages to leave the game scoreless.

Cromer Park will be the venue for the games against Avala on Saturday, followed by the deferred matches against Central Coast on Sunday.

Manly convenor Don

Roach said he hopes that better weather is ahead. After two attempts to play Rockdale the games are still to go on.

Baulkham Hills U13 improved their first round 2-1 result when they defeated Auburn 4-0 at Horwood Reserve, with the goals arriving from Alex Arajao (two) and Terry Ide.

The main difference between the teams was the size and speed of the Baulkham Hills forwards.

There was sound mid-field work from Peter Vezos and Daniel Ward. The latter went into camp yesterday with the State train on squad.

The U14 ran out 3-1 winners and are improving with every match.

The 6-1 win in U15 highlights build up and finishing power of the Baulkham Hills boys but Auburn were right on top in U16 to win their match 3-0.

CENTENARY CUP

ST GEORGE won the 1984 Centenary Cup for U12 teams with a 2-1 vic-

tory over last year's winners Nepean.

It was generally voted an excellent tournament despite poor weather.

The order in which the contestants finished was: St George, Nepean, Blacktown, Griffith, Macarthur, Illawarra, Gladesville, Canterbury, Sutherland, Mid North Coast, Southern Districts, Western NSW, Nthn. Tasmania, Grafton, Nthn Suburbs Tasmania, Eastern Tasmania, Albury, Kirrawee.

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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

So keep those news items and pictures rolling in to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, NSW 2007.



MACQUARIE'S SUCCESSFUL U14 TOUR

JUST returned from a five-week tour of West Germany and England are 16 players of the Macquarie JSA rep team, from Newcastle.

The \$44,000 required to pay all travel and uniform expenses was raised over a period of nine months by the boys and their parents ... with \$30,000 coming from the sale of lamingtons!

The boys played five matches in West Germany, including one on a snow-covered gravel pitch. A creditable result was a 1-2 loss to district rep team containing two West German schoolboy internationals.

In Newcastle-on-Tyne, the group met Kevin Keegan, and were guests of Newcastle United in

their home match against Sheffield Wednesday, watched by a crowd of 37,000.

Also in Newcastle, the Macquarie boys won the inaugural Cramlington Trophy by beating the highly-fancied local team, containing no less than five boys already signed by First Division clubs.

The main object of the tour was to participate in the annual Ipswich Cup International Youth Tournament, where 30 teams from 10 countries took part over the Easter period.

The Macquarie team received a trophy for

fourth place in their age-group.

In all, the boys played 15 matches, winning eight, drawing two, and losing five, goals for 30, goals against 18 ... proving once again that, at this level, Australian Soccer need have no inferiority complex.

As coach Richard Olsen says: "The big difference is that European boys with potential are selected at a young age and groomed for professional football."

The tour was organised by Tony Keene Concourse Travel in Newcastle.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 14 - MAY 12

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Yugal	7-2	5-0	4-0	8-0
Illawarra v Macarthur	3-0	7-0	5-2	30
APIA v Melita	1-2	4-2	6-1	3-1
Auburn v Baulkham Hills	0-4	1-3	1-6	0-3
Southern Dists v Croatia	0-2	3-1	3-2	2-2
Blacktown City v Ku-ring-gai	2-0	2-0	1-0	4-0
Canterbury Assn v Bankstown	0-2	1-1	1-0	3-3

GROUP B

Syd Olympic v Rockdale	4-0	4-1	3-0	6-0
Marconi v Nth Bankstown	0-2	3-0	5-0	2-0
Sutherland v Blacktown Assn.	10-0	3-0	6-0	0-0
Nepean v Sydney City	9-0	1-0	3-0	1-0
Manly v Granville	0-4	1-0	1-3	0-0
Cant-M'ville v Avala	1-0	4-1	1-1	2-0
Central Coast v Gladesville	1-3	2-2	1-1	2-1



ALLAN MAHER (at back) with some of the young members of the Allan Maher Junior Soccer Club



MACQUARIE UNDER 14 TOUR SQUAD

BACK ROW (from left): Tom Hinchcliffe (manager), Stuart Horvath, Steven Brown, Chris Jolly, Darrel Minter, Guy McLachlan, Scott Payne, Mark Beagan, Rodney Olsen, Richard Olsen (coach). FRONT ROW: Jason Kedwell, Gary Woodham, Jason Gradwell, Paul Yates, Scott Burnley, Matthew Harper, Aaron Hinchcliffe, Paul Ross.

FOREIGNERS' HARD LIFE IN ITALY!

WHAT is it like for a foreigner playing in Italy? A Brazilian reporter, who has lived in Italy for four years, made the following observations...

Club supporters are fanatical, spending the whole week discussing prospects for the next match.

Stadiums are filled to capacity for most matches because club teams are more popular than the national team - despite winning the 1982 World Cup.

Home wins and away draws are absolutely essential. Any defeat brings terrible anguish.

Star imports will be crowned kings, if they perform well.

Inter-city rivalry is desperate.

The media has a big influence on how fans react

to players. If the media likes a player, he is IN.

If, on the other hand, the media is critical of a player, his life will be made miserable. At some time or other, this has happened to even Krol, Falcao, Zico, Platini and Hansi Muller. England's Luther Blissett knows all about it.

best restaurants, servants and only one match per week.

Summing up it is fair to say a foreign player in Italy will live like a king... if things go well for him.

GOALIES COP A BLAST

CARLOS ALBERTO TORRES, captain of Brazil's successful 1970 World Cup team, does not have a high opinion of Brazilian goalkeepers.

He claims too many goalkeepers remain rooted to their goal lines because they are terrified of being lobbed.

It could be said that Brazil has never really needed outstanding goalkeepers because of the magnificent skills of the other 10 players in their teams!

Brazilian stars who have invaded Italy in large numbers find the close marking gives them little space to exhibit skills. Off the field, they find the familiar discussions over a glass of beer never happen and there is no night-clubbing. Also, contact between players and club officials is strictly on a professional basis without any camaraderie. Players are very highly paid but they must repay the debt with top 90 minute displays.

If all this, plus the problem of playing in cold weather, even snow, seems daunting, there are compensations.

For instance, the living is comfortable with ever-increasing bank balances, the latest cars, luxurious villas, dining out in the

VOLLER IS NOT FOR ITALY

PLAYERS are very well paid in West Germany but they can earn a lot more if they move to Italy.

That's why it was a surprise when Rudi Voller of Werder Bremen refused a transfer to Fiorentina.

The offer was worth \$7,000 a week plus bonuses and the usual house and car.

Voller said he'd prefer to wait until after the 1986 World Cup before leaving his home country. He said he was too young for the big move.

But will Voller be able to resist yet another offer - this time from Barcelona the free-spending Spanish club?

It's going to be difficult for Bremen to keep Voller but they've said they won't release the striker for less than \$3,000,000.



HANSI MULLER

TOSH GETS OUT

JOHN TOSHACK, former team manager of Swansea City, will coach glamour Portuguese club, Sporting Lisbon next season.

Toshack had an interview in London for the position and then flew to Lisbon to see his new team in action.

Former Arsenal manager, Terry Neill, was also interested in the Sporting job but Toshack just got the nod ahead of him.

DIEGO DUE FOR A MOVE

DIEGO MARADONA was sent off during the match in which his Barcelona team beat their rivals and neighbours, Espanol, 5 - 2.

But the temperamental Argentinian was still permitted to play for Barcelona in the Spanish Cup Final in Madrid against Athletic Bilbao.

In the Cup Final, Maradona was blamed for starting all the trouble which followed Bilbao's 1 - 0 victory.

Now the talk is that Maradona will not be staying much longer at Barcelona.

Bilbao's Cup Final win gave them the double of League and Cup.

Their success in the League championship was very narrow. Bilbao finished level with Real Madrid on 49 points and had a goals difference of plus 23. Real's goal difference was plus 22.

The League championship in France was almost as closely contested as in Spain.

Champion team Bordeaux finished on 23 points, the same points tally as runners-up Monaco.

Goal difference was... Bordeaux plus 39 and Monaco plus 28.

PARREIRA

PRESS GETS STUCK INTO PARREIRA

THE axing of national coach Carlos Alberto Parreira did not cause nearly as much comment in Brazil as the elimination from the Copa Brasil of Sao Paulo, Palmeiras, Internacional, Santos, Botafogo, America and Atletico Mineiro.

Press versions of Parreira were far from complimentary. He was accused of talking too much, being arrogant, having no fixed objectives, and being satisfied with drawn games.

The press also said he knew football!

But like coaches all over the world, Parreira paid the penalty for not having a winning side.

Brazil had only one win in six matches against Argentina, Uruguay and

Paraguay - and that is unheard of.

It should be pointed out that Brazil had no Zico or Falcao in the Copa America and the team would have surely done better with those stars.

In retrospect, maybe a disappointing Brazil in 1974 in Germany would have won the World Cup if Pele, Tostao and Gerson had been available.

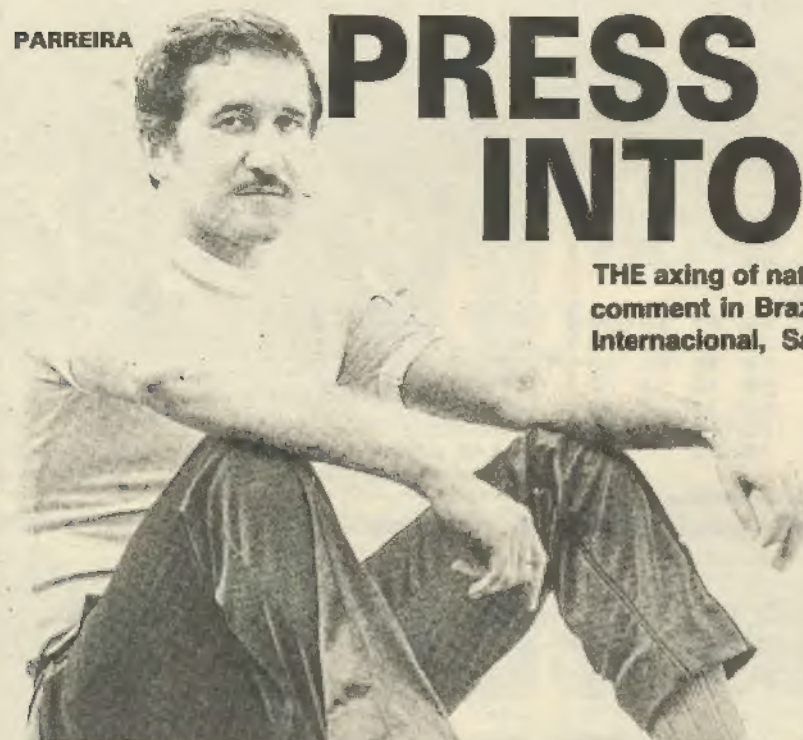
It is interesting to com-

pare the success rate of various Brazilian national coaches.

Best of the bunch was Oswaldo Brandao with 83 per cent and Jose Saldanha on 80 per cent success.

Tele Santana, who did a fine job with Brazil before and during the 1982 World Cup, had a 79 per cent rating.

Compared to those sort of figures, Parreira's 36 per cent looks dreadful.



OVERSEAS RESULTS

ITALY

Ascoli v S'doria	0-1
A'ino v F'ina	0-0
Genoa v Juventus	2-1
Inter v Catania	0-0
Pisa v Lazio	2-2
Roma v Verona	3-2
Torino v Napoli	2-1
Udinese v AC Milan	1-2
Juventus	17 9 4 57 29 43
Roma	15 11 4 48 28 41
F'ina	12 12 6 48 31 36
Inter	12 11 7 37 23 35
Torino	11 11 8 37 30 33

SPAIN

Zaragoza v V'dolid	2-4
(agg 2-5) after extra time	

BRAZILIAN

Valencia v Sevilla	1-0
(agg 1-1) Sevilla won on penalties after extra time	
At Madrid v Re Madrid	3-2
(agg 4-3)	
Murcia v Espanol	1-4
(agg 2-6)	
Cadiz v S'dad	0-0
(agg 0-2)	
S'manca v Mallorca	1-1
(agg 2-3)	

BRAZIL

Brazilian champions Flamengo beat Atletico Junior (Colombia) 3-1 in the Group Three in the Libertadores Cup.	
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W. GERMANY

Nuremberg v Hamburg	1-8
Stuttgart v E'furt	2-2
El B'wick v F'D'dorf	4-1
Mannheim v Ar B'feld	0-2
B'ochum v B'everkussen	2-1
B'M'gladbach v Uerdingen	7-1
Bay Munich v K'lautern	5-2
Cologne v Dortmund	5-2
Offenbach v W'Bremen	3-7
Stuttgart	18 10 4 77 31 46

POLAND

GKS K'wice v Wid Lodz	1-2
Go Zabrze v M Lublin	1-1
LKS Lodz v Zag S'wiec	0-0
Wis K'rkow v S Wroclaw	3-1
Go W'rzycz v L Poznan	0-1
Lag Warsaw v C Krakow	3-0
Po S'zacin v Sz Bytom	0-1
Lech Poznan	16 3 6 38 16 35
Wid Lodz	12 10 3 35 21 34
P S'zacin	15 3 7 47 21 33
Lag Warsaw	11 7 7 34 27 29
Go W'rzycz	10 8 7 35 24 28

HOLLAND

F Sittard v Volendam	5-2
Heerlen v Willem II	2-0
GA Eagles v Sp R'dam	5-3
AZ'67 v Ex R'dam	2-1
D Bosch v Hel Sport	3-0
Feyenoord v Pec Zwolle	2-1
PSV v Roda JC	2-0
Ajax v DS'79	7-2
Feyenoord	25 7 2 96 31 57
Pav	23 6 5 88 32 52
Ajax	22 7 6 100 46 51
Heerlen	14 13 7 59 50 41
AZ'67	14 9 11 64 50 37

ROMANIA

Rap B'nest v F Bela Mare	2-1
Di B'nest v Bacau	4-1
P Ploesti v St B'nest	0-1

PORTUGAL

P'nease v Benfica	0-2
Porto v Estoril	8-0
Sporting v Farense	4-0
Setubal v Braga	3-0
S'gueiros v B'vista	1-0
G'maraoes v Penafiel	1-0
Esposinho v Varzim	2-3
Rio Ave v Agueda	5-1
Benfica	24 4 2 82 21 52
Porto	22 5 3 85 8 49
Sporting	19 4 7 68 23 42

E. GERMANY

Wis Ave v RW Erfurt	1-0
L Leipzig v H Rostock	4-1
HFC Chemie v Dy Berlin	4-5
Dy Dresden v St P'ase	4-2
U Berlin v Vo F'urt	0-2
Magdeburg v Ch Leipzig	5-0
CZ Jena v K-M Stadt	2-0

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Sp Prague v V'itkovice	4-0
Zvl Zlina v Du B'rica	2-1
T P'resov v Du Prague	1-2
B Ostrava v Sk Teplice	2-0
L Koice v Sl B'tava	3-0
Pl Nitra v St Prague	0-1
Bo Prague v Rh Chab	1-0
Inter Bratis v Sp Trnava	0-0

BLISSETT FOR OLD TRAFFORD

LUTHER BLISSETT is wanted by Manchester United as part of the transfer deal which will take Ray Wilkins to Italy's A.C.Milan.

Wilkins has been told he'll be paid \$6,000 a week by Milan. He summed up the move when he said: "Playing for Milan at this stage of my career will be most rewarding."

He was not kidding. Manchester United will value Blissett at \$350,000

as part of the Wilkins deal but that might not please the Italian club who paid Watford \$1,600,000 to get the player a year ago.

If Blissett is not signed by the Old Trafford club, they will enquire at Tottenham about Scottish international Alan Brazil.

SKIPPER OUT OF CUP FINAL

BY an amazing coincidence, the English F.A.Cup Final, for the third year running, has lost one of the Final captains.

In 1982, it was Glen Roeder of QPR. In 1983, Brighton's Steve Foster had to miss the big day at Wembley. And now Watford skipper, Wilf Rostron, is out of the Cup Final against Everton.

All three players were ruled out of the Final through suspension...not injury.

Watford manager Graham Taylor is very upset about Rostron's punishment.

In fact, he says it is unjust for a player, cautioned or sent off in the League competition, to be kept out of a different competition — the Cup.

Taylor says England could learn from the Continent where offences committed in one competition do not bring suspensions in another.

The Watford manager, now established as one of the top bosses in Britain, is no referee-lover!

He claims the English F.A. "clean-up" campaign has been a miserable failure

And he is also very pessimistic about the future of English football. "The game as we know it has been dying for a long time," said Taylor, adding, "The Romans thought chariot racing was safe — but it wasn't!"

LONG SPELL FOR SHAW

GARY SHAW of Aston Villa, not long ago just about the most wanted forward in England, is making valiant attempts to come back from injury.

Shaw's knee ailment kept him out of Villa's team for the past 10 weeks.

It also robbed him of the chance to pick up the millions of pesetas Real Madrid was ready to pay Shaw to move into Spanish football.



Gary Shaw (left)



IAN RUSH IS ENGLAND'S TOP PLAYER

THE English Football Writers Association, formed by fewer than 20 sporting journalists in 1946, now boasts more than 200 members.

The FWA's main function is to vote for its "player of the year" every April.

This year's winner is Ian Rush of Liverpool, who won by a large margin from Bryan Robson

of Manchester United, with Graeme Souness of Liverpool third in the voting.

Rush is the seventh Liverpool player to win the statuette in the past 11 years, a remarkable

honour for any club.

He will be presented with his trophy by Franz Beckenbauer at the FWA's annual dinner at London's Cafe Royal on May 17.

TEAM BOSS HIT BY ABSENTEES

PITY the problems of an England team manager.

Bobby Robson selected 20 players for his squad to face Wales in the international at Wrexham.

On the day before the match, he was hit by eight withdrawals, causing wholesale restructuring of his intended team.

And this is not an unusual state of affairs. There ALWAYS seem to be injury problems to national squad players when Robson picks his teams.

There was a time when English international players would take the field on one leg for the honour of representing their country.

They are considerably less enthusiastic these days.

One player who was deliriously happy to be picked for that international in Wrexham was Manchester United's 20 year-old forward Mark Hughes who gained a place in the Welsh team for the first time.

Hughes said: "What a thrill. I am partnering the greatest striker in Britain (Ian Rush) in the last Wales v England match, and it's being played in my home town." Hughes was even more elated after

the game. Wales won 1-0, the only goal being scored by Mark Hughes!

By the way, Mike England took the risk of banking on youth for the international. Six of his players were in their early 20's and not one had reached his 30th birthday.

CROWD STAYS AWAY

NOTTS COUNTY's valiant, though hopeless, battle to dodge relegation from the first division did nothing to attract fans to their Meadow Lane ground.

Attendance at the match against Wolverhampton Wanderers match was a paltry 5,378.

You need many more than that to keep a first division club alive.

DAI DAVIES, Welsh international goalkeeper, has retired after a distinguished playing career.

Davies is with Tranmere Rovers. He has decided to go into business.

UKI SOCCER SCENE

NOTTINGHAM FOREST have been fined \$4,500 by UEFA because a spectator threw a brick on to their pitch during the UEFA Cup match against Anderlecht.

It was an expensive brick for Forest!

BROOKE ON THE MOVE

WEST HAM are ready to sign midfielder Garry Brooke from Tottenham Hotspur.

Although he is only 23, Brooke already has two F.A.Cup-winning medals in his possession.

A year ago, the youngster was on a life-support system in hospital following a serious car smash.

He recovered from that accident but has not been able to command a regular place in Spurs first team.

UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE								ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	41	22	13	6	72	31	79	York	46	31	8	7	96	39	101
Man Utd	41	20	14	7	71	39	74	Doncaster	45	24	13	8	82	53	85
Q.P.R.	42	22	7	13	67	37	73	Reading	46	22	16	8	84	56	82
Notts Forest	41	21	8	12	74	45	71	Bristol City	46	24	10	12	70	44	82
Southampton	40	20	11	9	61	37	71	Aldershot	46	22	9	15	76	69	75
Arsenal	42	18	9	15	74	60	63	Blackpool	44	21	9	14	70	49	72
Tottenham	42	17	10	15	64	65	61	Peterborough	46	18	14	14	72	48	68
West Ham	42	17	9	16	60	54	60	Colchester	46	17	16	13	69	53	67
Aston Villa	42	17	9	16	59	61	60	Tranmere	45	17	15	13	52	48	66
Everton	41	15	14	12	43	42	59	Torquay	45	17	13	15	58	64	64
Watford	42	16	9	17	68	77	57	Hereford	46	16	15	15	54	53	63
Ipswich	42	15	8	19	55	57	53	Stockport	46	17	11	18	60	64	62
Sunderland	42	13	13	16	42	53	52	Chesterfield	46	15	15	16	59	61	60
Leicester	42	13	12	17	65	68	51	Bury	46	15	14	17	61	64	59
West Bromwich	41	14	9	18	48	60	51	Swindon	46	15	13	18	58	56	58
Luton	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	Crawley	45	16	10	19	55	66	58
Northwich	41	12	14	15	47	48	50	Darlington	45	16	8	21	47	50	56
Stoke	42	13	11	18	44	63	50	Northampton	46	13	14	19	53	78	51
Coventry	42	13	11	18	57	77	50	Manfield	46	13	13	20	66	70	52
Birmingham	42	12	12	18	39	50	48	Halifax	46	12	12	22	55	89	48
Notts County	41	10	11	20	49	69	41	Rochdale	46	11	13	22	52	80	46
Wolves	42	6	11	25	27	80	29	Wrexham	44	10	14	20	53	72	44
								Hartlepool	45	9	10	26	46	85	37
								Chester	46	7	13	26	45	82	34
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO								SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	42	25	13	4	90	40	88	Aberdeen	36	25	12	4	78	21	57
Sheffield Wed	42	26	10	6	73	34	88	Celtic	38	21	8	7	80	41	50
Newcastle	42	24	8	10	85	53	80	Dundee United	35	18	11	6	66	37	47
Man City	42	20	10	12	66	48	70	Rangers	35	14	12	9	51	40	40
Grimsby	42	19	13	10	60	47	70	Hearts	36	10	16	10	38	47	36
Blackburn	42	17	16	9	57	46	67	St Mirren	36	9	14	13	55	59	32
Carlisle	42	16	16	10	48	41	64	Hibernian	36	12	7	17	45	55	33
Shrewsbury	42	17	10	15	49	53	61	Dundee	36	11	5	20	50	74	27
Brighton	42	17	9	16	69	60	60	St Johnstone	36	10	3	23	36	81	23
Leeds	42	16	12	14	55	56	60	Motherwell	36	4	7	25	31	75	15
Fulham	42	15	12	15	60	53	57								
Huddersfield	42	14	15	13	56	49	57								
Charlton	42	16	9	17	53	64	57								
Barnsley	42	15	7	20	57	53	52								
Cardiff	42	15	6	21	53	66	51								
Portsmouth	42	14	7	21	73	64	49								
Middlesbrough	42	12	13	17	41	47	49								
Crystal Palace	42	12	11	19	42	52	47								
Oldham	42	13	8	21	47	73	47								
Derby	42	11	9	22	36	72	42								
Swansea	42	7	8	27	36	85	29								
Cambridge	42	4	12	26	28	77	24								
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE								SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	46	28	11	7	91	50	95	Forfar	39	27	9	3	73	31	63
Wimbledon	46	26	9	11	97	76	87	East Fife	39	20	7	12	57	42	47
Sheffield Utd	46	24	11	11	86	53	83	Berwick	39	16	11	12	60	38	43
Hull	45	22	14	9	69	38	80	Stirling	39	14	14	11	51	42	42
Bristol Rovers	46	22	13	11	58	54	79	Arbroath	39	18	6	15	51	46	42
Walsall	46	22	9	15	68	61	75	Queen of South	39	16	10	13	51	46	42
Bradford	46	20	11	15	73	65	71	Stenhousemuir	39	13	12	14	47	37	38
Gillingham	46	20	10	16	74	69	70	Dumfries	39	13	10	16	44	45	36
Millwall	45	18	13	14	71	64	67	Queens Park	39	14	8	17	58	63	36
Bolton	46	18	10	18	56	60	64	East Stirling	39	10	11	18	51	66	31
Orient	46	18	9	19	71	81	63	Montrose	39	12	7	20	36	59	31
Burnley	45	16	14	15	76	59	62	Cowdenbeath	39	10	9	20	44	58	29
Newport	46	16	14	16	58	75	62	Albion Rovers	39	8	11	20	46	76	29
Lincoln	46	17	10	19	59	62	61								
Wigan	46	16	13	17	46	56	61								
Preston	46	15	11	20	66	66	56								
Bournemouth	46	16	7	23	63	73	55								
Plymouth	45	13	12	21	56	62	51								
Rotherham	45	14	9	22	54	64	51								
Brentford	45	11	16	19	69	79	49								
Scunthorpe	45	9	19	17	54	70	46								
Southend	46	10	14	22	55	76	44								
Port Vale	45	10	10	25	50	83	40								
Exeter	46	6	15	25	50	84	33								



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



NEXT WEEKEND'S MATCHES

ROUND 12 — MAY 20

BLACKTOWN CITY

V

WOLLONGONG CITY

GABBIE STADIUM

3 PM



TONY RASMUSSEN (Blacktown)

ADELAIDE CITY

V

FOOTSCRAY

OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD

2.30 PM

CANBERRA ARROWS

V

SYDNEY CROATIA

BRUCE STADIUM

3 PM



KENNY BODEN (Sydney Croatia)

BRISBANE CITY

V

SOUTH MELBOURNE

SPENCER PARK

3 PM

LEICHHARDT-APIA

V

PENRITH CITY

ST GEORGE STADIUM

4 PM



PETER TREDINNICK (Leichhardt)

S'SHINE GEORGE CROSS

V

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

CHAPLIN RESERVE

3 PM

MARCONI

V

BRISBANE LIONS

MARCONI STADIUM

3 PM



ROD BROWN (Marconi)

HEIDELBERG UTD

V

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

3 PM

P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES

V

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

MELITA STADIUM

3 PM



ALEX McPHERSON (Melita)

MELBOURNE CROATIA

V

GREEN GULLY

OLYMPIC PARK

3 PM

ST GEORGE

V

SYDNEY CITY

ST GEORGE STADIUM

2 PM



ROBBIE DUNN (Preston)

PRESTON

V

WEST ADELAIDE

CONNOR RESERVE

3 PM

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